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Dr. David Hirsh to speak at EMU on anti-Semitism

Martin Shichtman, special to the WJN

On Monday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Eastern Michigan University Student Center, the EMU Center for Jewish Studies will present Dr. David Hirsh, senior lecturer in sociology at Goldsmiths University of London, who will talk about and sign copies of his new book, *Contemporary Left Anti-Semitism*. Hirsh notes that today's anti-Semitism is difficult to recognize because it does not necessarily come dressed in a Nazi uniform and it does not openly proclaim its hatred or fear of Jews. He looks at the kind of anti-Semitism which is tolerated or which goes unacknowledged in apparently democratic spaces: trade unions; churches; left-wing and liberal politics; social gatherings; and seminars and journals of radical intellectuals. In his book, Hirsh considers how criticism of Israel can mushroom into anti-Semitism and discusses the various struggles over how anti-Semitism is defined. He will also address the ways in which those who have raised the issue of anti-Semitism have been accused of doing so in bad faith. The entire community is invited to attend and admission is free. ■

Dr. David Hirsh

Recipe for Mega Challah, a community celebration

Mae E. Sander, special to the WJN

Ingredients for Mega Challah:

250 pounds flour
100 pounds sugar
15 dozen eggs
Yeast
Water
125 special aprons, bowls, and pastry brushes

Add: entertainment, refreshments, door prizes, and a sense of unity! Ann Arbor's Mega Challah event will be September 13. One hundred twenty-five women and girls will put on their special Mega Challah aprons and measure out just the right amount of flour, sugar, eggs, yeast and water for their loaves. While participants are enjoying the seemingly miraculous result of mixing, kneading, and watching the dough rise, all will share in singing, hearing stories, and watching videos. The lucky ones will win door prizes.

Sisters, mothers and daughters, grandmothers, and friends, through their shared experience at Mega Challah, will have the opportunity to strengthen their connection with one another and the local community as well as to become aware of ties with women in other Jewish communities around the world. Esther Goldstein, Ann Arbor Mega Challah organizer, stresses, "how special it is to be a part of something so much larger than just our community."

Guest entertainer Esther Freeman will offer songs and stories reflecting the beauty of Jewish life. She has recently performed at Mega Challah events in Texas, Florida, and other states. From the Mega Challah website: "Esther's music ranges from slow soulful ballads to high-energy songs based on deep esoteric concepts of the Torah and life experiences, all accompanied by personal stories that intrigue the hearts of her audiences leaving them humming her tunes and always wanting more. The strength of her songs is in her meaningful lyrics reflecting a genuine passion to share the beauty of Judaism with the world."

Mega Challah planners with their event aprons, pastry brushes, and hats

Registration for Mega Challah is open to all Ann Arbor Jewish women and girls over 13 years old. The event will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor in the gym. Online registration, ongoing since July, is at website http://www.a2megachallah.com/. The cost is $18 in advance. If spaces are still available, cost at the door will be $25. Event sponsors are Chabad House, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, the JCC, and Akervall Technologies, Inc. ■

Live Well to Feel Well

Caroline Kennedy, special to the WJN

Many older adults struggle with issues such as isolation, sadness, or anxiety. But, they are not alone. Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County will offer a five-week group designed to provide individuals with skills related to living a rich, full, and meaningful life. The group is *Live Well to Feel Well* and is based on an approach called Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). ACT is designed to help people let thoughts and feelings come and go while they pursue what matters most to them. Participating in *Live Well to Feel Well* will involve one individual appointment to complete paperwork and attending weekly group meetings for five weeks during which the group will discuss skills related to accepting thoughts and feelings; living the life you want to live; and taking small steps in the direction of your most cherished goals.

This group will be facilitated by Dr. Adrienne Lapidos, a licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Lapidos's clinical interests include group and evidence-based individual psychotherapies; trauma; and behavioral approaches for chronic pain and sleep disorders. Live Well to Feel Well will begin on September 13, and run until October 11. Enroll today by calling Thrive Counseling at (734) 436-4249. The fee for the group is $50/session and most insurance plans will cover all or most of the cost. A sliding fee scale can be offered for those who meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information, visit ww.ThriveCounselingA2.com or contact Caroline Kennedy at (734) 769-0209 or carolinekennedy@jfsannarbor.org. ■

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High Holidays

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

ROSH HASHANAH	9/20	9/21	Tashlich	9/22
Beth Israel Congregation		**8 a.m.**	**5 p.m.**	**8 a.m.**
Children's Programs K - 5/6th- 8th		10 a.m.		10 a.m.
Teen Lunch and Discussion		10 a.m.		
Mincha		5:15 p.m. Mincha followed by Tashlich		7:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv	8 p.m.	7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.
Desert Reception 9:15 p.m..	9:15 p.m.			
Chabad House	**7:15 p.m.**	**9:45 a.m.**	**4 p.m**	**9:45 a.m./7 p.m.**
Sounding of the shofar, festive meal		11:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	11:30 a.m.
Hillel				
Conservative	7:15 p.m.	9:30 a.m, 7:15 p.m.	4 p.m.	9:30 a.m
Orthodox (see AAOM)				
Reform	7:15 p.m.	10 a.m., 7:15 p.m.		
Jewish Cultural Society	**7 p.m.**		**10 a.m.**	
Pardes Hannah		9 a.m.	after morning service	9:30 a.m.
Reconstructionist Congregation	**7 p.m.**	**9:30 a.m.**	**6:30 p.m.**	
Children Service		10:30 a.m.		
Temple Beth Emeth	**8 p.m.**		**1:45 p.m.**	
Family Service		9 a.m.		
Traditional		10:45 a.m.		
AARTY		10 a.m.		
Birthday of the World Service		4:30 p.m.		
AAOM	**7:15 p.m.**	**9 a.m., 7:15 p.m.**	**9 a.m.**	
Minha and Kabbalat Shabbat			7 p.m.	

YOM KIPPUR	9/29	9/30	BREAK-THE-FAST
Beth Israel Congregation	**6:50 p.m.**	**8 a.m.**	
Grades K–8	6:30 p.m.	10 a.m.	8 p.m.
Programs for 9th–12th (GSAC 2010 Washtenaw)	6:50 p.m.		
Study Session		4:15 p.m.	
Mincha,		5 p.m.	
Neilah (closing)		6:30 p.m.	
Yizkor (Memorial) service		11:00 a.m. (approx.)	
Chabad House	**7 p.m.**	**9:45 a.m.**	
Yizkor Memorial Services 1		12:30 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Afternoon/Evening Services,		5 p.m.	
Hillel			
Conservative	6:45 p.m.	9:30 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m. following Neilah
Orthodox (see AAOM)			
Reform	6:45 p.m.	10:15 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m. following Neilah
Jewish Cultural Society	**7 p.m.**	**2 p.m.**	**6 p.m.**
Pardes Hannah	6:10 p.m	9:20 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Embodied Practice		2:30 pm	
Meditation		3:45 pm	
Mincha		4 p.m.	
Yiskor		5:15 pm	
Neilia		6:45 pm	
Reconstructionist Congregation	**7 p.m.**	**10 a.m.**	**7:45 p.m.**
Children 's Service		10:30 a.m.	
Workshops		2 p.m.–5 p.m.	
Yizkor		5:15p.m.	
Neliah		6:45 p.m.–7:45 p.m.	
Temple Beth Emeth	**8 p.m.**		
Family Service		9 a.m.	
Traditional		10:45 a.m.	
Torah Study		2 p.m.	
Afternoon Service		3:30 p.m.	
Yizkor/Neilah		5:30 p.m.	
AAOM	**6:45 p.m.**	**9 a.m.**	
Neilah		6:45 p.m.	

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Levine Fellows strengthen ties and deepen understanding on the 2017 Campaigners Mission in Israel

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

This past July, three emerging Jewish leaders, Rob Stern, Mira Sussman, and Laura Udell, accompanied by Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor Interim Director Eileen Freed, embarked on a journey in Israel to strengthen ties and deepen their understanding of the complex Israeli society and the organizations working on the ground to address important social welfare needs. They participated in the Jewish Federation of North America's (JFNA) Campaigners' Mission as the first leg of their tenure as Levine Fellows, a program generously funded by Michael Levine which aims to cultivate, engage and educate volunteers with the potential to make significant contributions to the well-being and advancement of the local Jewish community.

Levine Fellows make it to the top with the help of their new friends

Laura Udell gets creative with new friends at Youth Futures in Sderot

Experiencing partnership

The group began their ten days together with a visit to Moshav Nahalal, Ann Arbor's Partnership2Gether community. They experienced warm Nahalal hospitality, explored the moshav—from the always intriguing hi-tech robotic cow shed to the British mandate period sliq (secret arms cache)—and braved an unexpectedly challenging bike ride on the Partnership2Gether bike trail. The various communities in the Central Galilee including the Arab town of Yefiya collaborated to create the bike trail, a project supported by the Jewish Federation. It has transformed a neglected area of forest into a well-used recreational area, and its construction has fostered warm partnerships between Jewish and Arab youth, volunteers, and cyclists in the region. Throughout the visit, the Nahalalis and visitors from Ann Arbor engaged in meaningful conversations about the importance of the Ann Arbor/Nahalal partnership, engaging young adults, and the issues facing communities in Israel's periphery.

Experiencing programs addressing needs of Israel's vulnerable populations

The group joined the JNFA mission and dove head first into a whirlwind of activities and learning experiences. The goal of the mission was to provide participants with tools and knowledge to be more effective campaign volunteers and professionals: to help them tell the very important story of how the Federation annual campaign fosters and sustains Jewish life in their communities, Israel, and around the world. Visits to projects developed by the Federation's overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), demonstrated how, through the annual campaign, Federation donors and volunteers participate in the endeavor to address the serious needs of some of Israel's most vulnerable communities.

At the JDC-supported Accessible Health Zone, participants heard from a remarkable young *olah* (immigrant) about her story, the obstacles she faces as she navigates Israel's inaccessible landscape in a wheelchair, and how the Accessible Health Zone's services helped her adjust to a new reality and become a powerful advocate for the disabled. The mission participants also participated in a highly competitive and completely unskilled game of wheelchair basketball.

With a continually widening socio-economic gap in Israel, the increasing numbers of children and youth at risk is one of the most serious social issues facing Israeli society. The group visited and engaged with some children who have a chance for a better future through their participation in JAFI's Youth Futures program. The program's mentors work with children, their families, their schools and the community to address individual social service and educational needs, bolster self-esteem, and provide the support to help them to become independent, constructive members of Israeli society.

Other experiences included a moving interaction with Holocaust survivors who were dealing with their painful stories through photography, hearing directly from members of the Haredi, Arab and Ethiopian communities about how career development programs have helped them overcome physical, social, and emotional barriers to work allowing them to support themselves and their families, and enjoying a delicious meal prepared by young adults at risk employed by a social venture restaurant designed to provide them with the ed-

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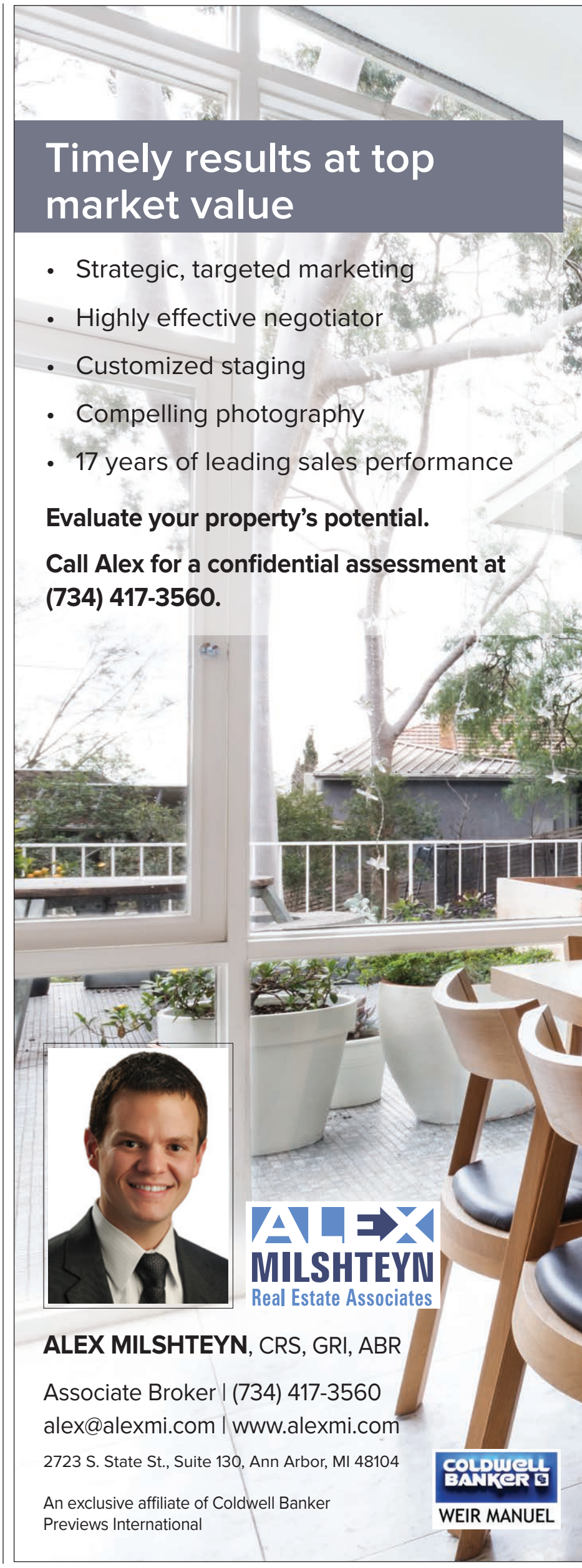

Birmingham Temple declares itself Sanctuary; is TBE next?

Ken Wachsberger, special to the WJN

The Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in Farmington Hills, Michigan, made news this past February when the board of trustees voted to declare Birmingham Temple a sanctuary congregation, the first Jewish congregation in Michigan to do so. But many others, in Michigan and throughout the country, are considering it seriously and could be close behind, including Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor.

The sanctuary movement is a non-partisan immigrant rights movement that has its roots in the laidback Obama administration and has picked up steam under the unhinged Trump administration. It is a call to religious congregations to declare that they will work to change unjust immigration laws and practices; and at the same time will willingly house immigrant families—or support congregations that do—who are being unjustly pursued until just policies can be put in their place.

At Temple Beth Emeth, support is strong among a growing number of congregants, including members of the board, the board president, and the rabbi, to become a sanctuary congregation to the highest level possible, which may mean that they would house an immigrant family facing deportation while the family was fighting its case.

Under the leadership of TBE's new activist rabbi, Josh Whinston, and an activated Social Action Committee (SAC), a Declaration in Support of Becoming a Sanctuary Congregation was endorsed by SAC and presented to the board for approval. The spirit of the Declaration was well received. The reasons why Jews must support sanctuary were embraced.

But the phrase "even house immigrants, refugees, and others" raised concerns for some board members. What legal and financial constraints might this put on members of the board and the congregation in general? Does the declaration of being a sanctuary congregation send a false message of safety to immigrants in the facility? Are we broadcasting a plan of action that might better be served in a less public way?

No formal vote on the Declaration was taken. Instead, the Social Action Committee was empowered, with the board's unanimous blessing, to become active in the broader sanctuary movement and to educate the congregation on what sanctuary means, including dangers, costs, practicalities, and why Jewish history makes our support of sanctuary obvious and inevitable.

Every Jewish congregation that considers sanctuary will face these questions. Therefore, it is helpful to learn how other Jewish congregations that joined the movement came to their decisions. What motives drove their passion? What challenges did they face and how did they overcome them? How are their circumstances similar to and different from TBE's?

Charles Paul

Birmingham Temple becomes Michigan's first Jewish Sanctuary Congregation

It should be no surprise that Birmingham Temple would be at the forefront of the sanctuary movement. The congregation was founded in 1963 and led until he died in 2007 by Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine, whose leadership and philosophy gave birth to Humanistic Judaism.

According to Board President Charles Paul, the idea to become a sanctuary congregation was brought to the executive board by Rabbi Jeffrey Falick, examined, and determined to be worthy of the full board's consideration. "I have been a member of the Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism for over forty years. Measures like this are a basic tenet of our philosophy. I asked the same question that the rest of our board and membership asked: How could I not support this?"

Rabbi Falick adds, "We believe that it is our obligation as Humanists to preserve the dignity and human rights of all people. This includes advocating to keep families from being torn apart. As Jews we also recognized our own people's history of wandering from land to land, expelled and rejected from most places."

A written draft of the recommendation was distributed to board members before the next regular board meeting with instructions from Paul that it would be discussed and voted upon at the meeting. "At the board meeting Rabbi Falick presented his case and I stated that it had the unanimous support of the executive board. Following Q&A, the entire board voted unanimously to approve the motion. From beginning to end, the process took about ten days."

The congregation was informed of the decision through an email burst signed by Paul and Rabbi Falick. According to Paul, the email included the text of the formal statement and an explanation of the process they followed to make the decision. The temple's executive director discussed their decision at the monthly meeting of Jewish congregation executive directors, and Rabbi Falick spread the word to his peers among the Jewish and Christian clergy.

Jeffrey Falick

Later they participated in a press conference with other sanctuary congregations at a local church under the auspices of Michigan United. Subsequently, they were featured in two stories in the Detroit Free Press and one in the Detroit News. Rabbi Falick adds, "It's not a secret that we've done this!"

Among congregants, support for the decision was strong, including parents of school-age children. Rabbi Falick notes: "If and when we are called upon to house, we will discuss the security arrangements with our attorney expert. We expect that we will need to have volunteers on premises at all times. The only objection came from a member who was quite inactive for many, many years—so much so that most people in our leadership did not know who they were (and we are quite small)."

Paul adds: "I personally received about a dozen very positive emails from our members. They all echoed the comments from our exec board and board members who essentially asked: 'As Humanistic Jews, how could we not support this?'"

Meanwhile, at Temple Beth Emeth

This is the same question that sanctuary leaders and supporters at Temple Beth Emeth are asking themselves: "As Reform Jews, how can we not support sanctuary?"

But activists at TBE are going a different route in their campaign. In addition to lobbying for the eventual positive board decision, they are taking steps to educate themselves and members of the congregation, including board members:

- They have become active in Ann Arbor Jewish Sanctuary, the coalition of Jews from all congregations throughout the city; as well as Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary (WCS), an emerging coalition of sanctuary supporters and organizations.
- The Social Action Committee has begun bringing experts to TBE from WCS and the sanctuary legal community to answer congregants' questions.
- TBE was an early signer of the Brit Olam championed by the Religious Action Coalition of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and is recognized by URJ as an immigrant justice congregation.

As Board President Carol Freedman-Doan announced in a recent monthly newsletter column, TBE joins "Reform congregations across the country in committing ourselves to 'moral leadership through congregational and community-based action.' This is the first step in our congregation declaring ourselves a welcoming community for all."

Challenges

But TBE faces challenges unknown to Birmingham Temple. For one, TBE shares its building on Packard Road with St. Clare's Episcopal Church. Even after the board votes to declare TBE a sanctuary congregation, if they do, TBE won't be able to house immigrants until St. Clare's votes its support as well. To address this issue and to explore ways to work together, members of SAC have recently begun meeting with sanctuary supporters from St. Clare's.

Also, although they are willing, Birmingham Temple's building lacks showers, closets, and any possibility of private bedrooms. Classrooms conceivably could be converted, says Paul, but that space is needed for classes. "In addition, we have no infrastructure of volunteers to administer or manage this kind of undertaking."

By not being able to host immigrant families due to the building's physical limitations, Birmingham Temple avoided the fiduciary challenges that TBE will face. But, according to Rabbi Falick, such an issue would never have been a point of concern. "We do not make our ethical and moral decisions with our eyes on the budget. As it happens, we gained members."

Instead, the congregation—as well as individuals within the congregation—provides financial and material support for Freedom House, an immigrant rights organization that has its roots in the sanctuary movement of the eighties. In June, they co-sponsored a major Freedom House fundraiser in Farmington.

Critical legal guidance came to the temple from an attorney in the congregation whose practice is in immigration law. According to Paul, the attorney "couldn't imagine a situation where the police would invade our sanctuary space unless one of the residents was a criminal. Anyone coming into our building would first go through a thorough background check. And we would be a very low priority for enforcement of any potential liabilities. That being said, I urge you to consult with legal representation of your own before making any final decisions. These are very valid questions your board members are asking."

Rabbi FaIick elaborates: "The one member who left said if it's illegal we shouldn't do it. We categorically reject that argument. All social justice movements engage in non-violent 'illegal' civil disobedience. The nonprofit status issue was not a real issue. No 'religious' organization has ever lost its nonprofit status for something like this. Very few have ever lost it at all."

Families they will support through sanctuary must be through referral from Michigan United and only after consultation with the temple's immigrant attorney expert.

TBE's main and relatively minor physical limitation is its lack of a shower system, a shortcoming that can be easily remedied, though not without still-undetermined cost, in the downstairs restrooms, which are already set up to have showers even though they don't actually have them yet.

This means that TBE still has to explore liability, legality, costs, and other issues that come with housing a family. SAC's educational campaign will focus heavily on these issues.

Meanwhile, in our nation's capital

One congregation that did already deal with these issues is Temple Sinai, in Washington, DC. The decision to declare itself a sanctuary congregation was a fitting one given their social justice history and their proximity to our nation's capital. According to Gary Friend, president of the temple's board of trustees, many members work in the federal government, in Congress, in local government, or on behalf of organizations involved with public policy issues. As a result, they are acutely aware of major public policies and their consequences.

Gary Friend

"Also, we are a relatively liberal congregation and, being in Washington, DC, felt the emotional unrest after the election and an inherent call to action on issues adverse to social justice. When a social justice issue emerges, more times than not, there are active members of the congregation–clergy, lay leaders, members–engaged in the issue already. Many of us became concerned about the actions of the new administration on immigrants and, therefore, felt a call to action around being a sanctuary." According to Friend, the whole process that culminated in a board vote only took a few months thanks to the thoroughness of Rabbi

Temple Sinai members at a rally for refugees held in front of the U.S. Capitol. L to R: Mark Erlich, Cantor Laura Croen, Ari Roos, Ann Brown, Rabbi Jonathan Roos, Elizabeth Roos

Jonathan Roos, who introduced the conversation to the officers and then the board; and two members of the congregation who are experts on immigration law.

"To the extent that there was a dissenting view, there was the concern that what we were doing would be seen as a political move, not a social justice move. In the spirit of how we work, dissenting views were discussed. At the end we were a single voice in support."

Numerous factors made administering sanctuary easy, not least of which was a building that already had logistical resources and an infrastructure that included a shower, bathroom, full kitchen, and a room that could be converted to a living space, making start-up costs minimal.

Discussion got more intense around the subject of who would be eligible to be a sanctuary family. "We narrowed eligibility to an individual or a family with a material connection to a member or employee of the temple, not just anyone. If another temple calls about another person, unless the person passes the connection process, we would likely not take them."

On other issues:

- Financial risks: "We had lawyers in the room. Financial risks to the temple were deemed to be small enough to not offset its social justice import. The cost to take in a family was modest because the infrastructure was in place already."
- Practical risks: "We asked, what is the risk of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) or someone else from immigration violating our property line? We concluded that it was small. We had listed the criteria of who we would take: someone with a connection to the temple and no criminal record. So Temple Sinai is a low target. There are thousands of places that ICE would raid before they pound down the door of a synagogue for someone whose documentation is not current.
- Effect on nonprofit status and liability: "To the extent that we spent material time thinking about sanctuary's effect on our nonprofit status or on our liability, the issue was whether or not individuals on the board would be personally at legal risk. Having immigration experts in the room was tremendously helpful. And, we consulted with our liability insurance company and found that being a sanctuary did not require any changes to our current policies. The list of recommendations to follow was short and relatively straightforward to implement in the event we house an individual or family."
- Concern of parents with children: "The heads of the nursery school and the religious school were represented in discussions. The fundamental point we made was that we would not be housing a criminal. The issue was more about how you feel about social justice, not that we're housing a bad person."

Support from the congregation was near unanimous. "The reactions are more questions from members who want to understand more about the issue. To my knowledge, no one was ideologically against the notion.

Temple Sinai publicized their decision on their website and through internal communication to temple members. In addition, Rabbi Roos published an editorial explaining the temple's sanctuary decision in the Washington Post.

Calling attention to "years of stalled negotiations in Congress on comprehensive immigration reform," he writes: "We now face a political and cultural moment marred by xenophobia and anti-immigrant violence. The government's stated goals of building walls and increasing enforcement have already broken up families and forcibly removed productive, long-standing members of our communities. As a community of faith, our course of action must transcend politics. When people's lives are at stake and it is within our power to intercede, we are compelled to act."

Members of Temple Beth Emeth may be coming to the same conclusion. ■

Community conversations about sanctuary at Temple Beth Emeth

Saturday, September 9, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

How will becoming a sanctuary congregation affect TBE's liability? What legal issues will arise? Will the congregation's nonprofit status be threatened? The Social Action Committee (SAC) will answer these questions and more in its third Community Conversation. Special presentation from guest speaker Margo Schlanger, the University of Michigan law professor who is part of the legal team fighting to defend Detroit's Chaldean community in federal court.

Monday, September 18, 7–9 p.m., TBE Sanctuary

Should Temple Beth Emeth become a Sanctuary community? What does that mean and how does a congregation do Sanctuary? What are the ramifications? Why is Sanctuary even necessary and what is its goal? The Social Action Committee (SAC) answers these questions and more with this repeat appearance from guest speaker Mary Anne Perrone, a member of the leadership team of Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) and co-founder of Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary (WCS).

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Kelsey Robinette, special to the WJN

What did ritual baths and synagogues feel like for the ancient Jews who used them? What kinds of objects did healers use in antiquity, and in what kinds of places did they perform their healing? How did material economic conditions affect Jewish ritual expertise in the ancient world? How did the ancient rabbis conceive of the natural world?

The answers to these and many other fascinating questions will be explored this fall, when a distinguished group of fellows of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies will gather around the theme of "Jews and the Material in Antiquity." They will be led by Head Fellow Rachel Neis, Jean and Samuel Frankel associate professor of rabbinic literature.

"The 2017–2018 Frankel Fellows represent a wonderful range of scholarship and accomplishment," explained Neis, "including people with expertise in archaeology, art history, ancient history, rabbinics, early Christianity, and comparative and ancient religion. These scholars, working across diverse fields and topics in antiquity, will bring their rich backgrounds to bear upon questions relating to Jewishness and the material. They will be researching objects, buildings, and artifacts, as well as the ways that the ancients thought about matter more broadly." After writing her first book on the sense of sight in ancient Rabbinic Judaism, Neis came to propose this topic through her ongoing interest in the interconnectedness between objects, space, and embodiment. Currently writing a

Rachel Neis

book on rabbinic "biology" and reproductive thought, Neis puts the rabbis in conversation with ancient perspectives onto the natural world.

"From the reproduction of species to the architecture of knowledge and the embodiment of the divine, Frankel fellows will be exploring new ways of understanding the ancient world and how those who lived in it interacted with the objects around them," stated Director of the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies Jeffrey Veidlinger. "We are excited to welcome eleven scholars from around the world to work with faculty and students at the University of Michigan and to present a series of public events that will make the ancient world more accessible to all of us."

Established through a generous financial contribution from the Jean and Samuel Frankel Jewish Heritage Foundation, the Frankel Institute provides annual fellowships for scholars and artists around the world to conduct research on a given theme. Since its establishment in the academic year of 2007–2008, the Frankel Institute has helped advance Jewish studies globally and has nurtured cutting edge scholarship in the field, hosting just over 140 Institute Fellows. Additionally, the Institute offers lectures, symposia, art exhibitions and musical performances to the public.

The 2017–2018 Frankel fellows and their fields of research are:

- Todd Berzon, Bowdoin College, "Holy Tongues: The Materiality of Language in the Religious World of Late Antiquity"
- Rick Bonnie, University of Helsinki, "Material Religion in Hasmonean-Roman Judaea: The Role of the Senses, Space, and Climate in Determining the Use of Synagogues and *Miqva'ot*"
- Sean Burrus, Metropolitan Museum, "Image and Empire: Jewish Identities and Visual Arts under Rome"
- Catherine Chin, University of California at Davis, "Life: The Natural History of an Early Christian Universe"
- Deborah Forger, University of Michigan, "God's Embodiment in Jewish Antiquity"
- Chaya Halberstam, King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, "Justice and Mercy Revisited: a Religious-Legal History of Judicial Impartiality"
- Rachel Neis, University of Michigan, "The Reproduction of Species: Humans and Other Materials in Ancient Rabbinic 'Biology'"
- Megan Nutzman, Old Dominion University, "Asclepius and Elijah: Ritual Healing in Roman and Late Antique Palestine"
- Daniel Picus, Brown University, "Ink Sea, Parchment Sky: Reading Practices of Late Ancient Rabbis"
- Michael Swartz, Ohio State University, "The Economics of Ritual in Judaism in Late Antiquity"
- Juan Tebes, Catholic University of Argentina, "Fluid Cultural Boundaries in *Idumaea* and the Formation of Jewish and *Idumaean* Identities" ■

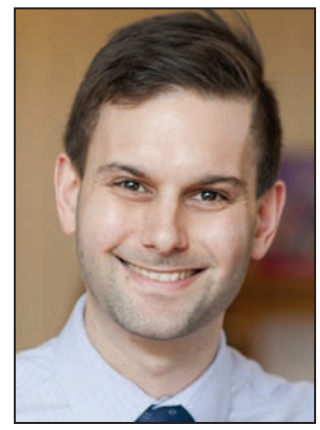
JCLP welcomes five new faces

Paige Walker, special to the WJN

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) at the University of Michigan School of Social Work welcomes the start of the new semester, and with that, the five new faces of the Class of 2019. Over the next 20 months, their journey will include rigorous academics and training in social justice, management, community organizing, interpersonal practice, and Judaic studies. During their time, students will have access to courses and professional development opportunities through the School of Social Work, including a one-credit class on Jewish philanthropy. They will also take advantage of offerings through the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Leadership in Community Benefit Organizations program, Ross School of Business, and Ford School of Public Policy. JCLP is excited about the variety of strengths, interests, and experiences the incoming cohort brings with them.

Emily Cloch

Ali Duhan



Daniel Kaplan

Jordyn Rosenzweig

Rachel Wall

Emily Cloch, originally from Deerfield, Illinois, is a 2016 graduate of the University of Michigan. She received her bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology and minored in Community Action and Social Change. Currently, Cloch is a counselor with a wilderness therapy program based in Salt Lake City, Utah where she leads teen groups. She plans to study Interpersonal Practice with a focus on Children and Youth.

Ali Duhan, originally from Baltimore, Maryland, comes to JCLP from Jackson, Mississippi, where she has spent the past two years as an Education Fellow with the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. She is excited to learn through JCLP about the changing landscape of American Judaism and the role that small-town Jewish life can play in the broader Jewish world. She plans to study community organizing and community and social systems.

Daniel Kaplan, originally from Highland Park, Illinois, graduated from Whitman College in May 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Race and Ethnic Studies. Since March 2014, Kaplan has worked as a community organizer with the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in Chicago. As a JCLP student, Kaplan looks forward to learning about leading Jewish social justice organizations with efficacy, integrity, and rootedness in Jewish history and values. He plans to study management and community and social systems.

Jordyn Rosenzweig is from Detroit, and graduated with her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in Judaic Studies from the U-M this past spring. She interned with Jewish Family Services in West Bloomfield, during Summer 2016 and volunteered with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor during Fall 2015. She plans to study interpersonal practice with a focus on mental health.

Rachel Wall, originally from Mountain View, California, comes to JCLP from the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor where she has held the position of office manager since June 2014. She received her bachelor's of science degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University. She plans to study management and community and social systems.

The Class of 2019 participated in the first JCLP community event of the year, the annual Community Welcome Breakfast, held this year on August 28. They will join the returning cohort for a busy year with an agenda that includes touring local Jewish agencies and organizations in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Metro Detroit; creating and implementing programs for the local community; traveling to Los Angeles, to attend the 2017 General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America; and pursuing field placements in local and national organizations. ■

Second Golf Outing a big success

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor hosted its second annual Golf Outing for Youth Scholarships Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club of Ann Arbor. The 32 sponsor organizations, prize donors, and scholarship donors, along with 60 golfers helped create a lighthearted atmosphere for the scramble style event, which included several contests: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Beat the Pro. The event was created by three community members who golf and who also have served or are currently serving on the Ann Arbor JCC's board of directors, Jonathan Goldstein, Bruce Moyer, and Roberta Tankanow, to raise funds to offset the nearly $50,000 provided by the JCC to community families who request help to afford its Early Childhood Center and Camp Raanana programs.

The cost of high quality early childhood education and high quality summer camp can be prohibitive for many community families, yet it is necessary for many families to employ these kinds of services to enable them to complete degrees or to work. Currently, the Ann Arbor JCC has no specific fund or endowments specifically dedicated to providing these families with financial assistance, yet provide assistance it does. According to David Stone, Executive Director, "the scholarship funds come directly from the Ann Arbor J's operating budget. We don't have any specific source for these much needed funds so we never know how that's going to impact us. We aren't going to stop helping families who need it, so we needed to find a way to help offset the cost. The golf outing is the first step."

Camp Raanana Director Rachel Saslove-Bair, and Director of Child and Family Services Peretz Hirshbein agree that the experiences these programs provide are central to strong childhood development and a strong community. Hirshbein notes that, "a major predictor of educational success is attendance at a high quality preschool, and the ECC also impacts a child's identity development because of the wide range of Jewish experiences that we provide. Our community is stronger because we have a strong preschool program and because we help families in all kinds of financial circumstances take advantage of the opportunity to send their children here." Saslove-Bair has built Camp Raanana around major Jewish values and says that, "Jewish camp is a proven link between Jewish childhood experiences and a strong adult Jewish identity. While the kids are having a great time developing important life skills, they are also immersed in Jewish values like respect, kindness, creativity, friendship, and community. Their experiences at Camp inform their characters long after their camping days are done.

Stone and Director of Operations Clara Silver, supported Goldstein, Moyer, and Tankanow in their efforts, securing the venue and providing the professional support to register golfers and solicit sponsors. The committee expects to continue building on its two previous successes and supporting even more families in the future with a tentative date of Monday, August, 13, 2018 for next year's outing. Tankanow says, "everyone had such a great time for this important cause, and it was just fantastic to see everyone come out and support our kids." For information on making a donation for this year's scholarships or on next year's golf outing, contact Clara Silver, director of operations, at clarasilver@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

Stay Healthy September programming @ the J

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

The Jewish New Year happens in September and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor wants to help everyone stay healthy through the holidays. Since Rosh Hashanah falls on the third Thursday in September, in lieu of a "Third Thursday" lunch and learn the J will host CVS Pharmacy for the J's annual Flu shot clinic on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 1–6 p.m. Flu shots will be administered on a first come first serve basis, but RSVPs are required in order to give CVS an accurate estimate. For most health insurances there is no fee to the recipient, but participants are encouraged to contact their health insurance to find out prior to the clinic. In addition to the Flu shot clinic, in order to help manage all the High Holiday stress, the J will host TheraPaws dog and owner teams for their bi-monthly visit on Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 1–2 p.m. For more information or to RSVP for the Flu shot clinic, contact Adult Program Coordinator Rachael Hoffenblum, at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990.

Those who plan to attend either the Flu shot clinic or the TheraPaws visit are invited to enjoy lunch before the programs begin. The J's Lunch Café, which is open to the public, serves a healthy and delicious nut-free, vegetarian lunch weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. Lunch Café meals are $5.50 per person (or $3 per person over 60) and must be reserved at least one day in advance by calling (734) 971-0990 or by visiting jccannarbor.org, where a monthly menu is available for download. ■

JFS provides vital human services

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

Growth. Innovation. Service. Families. Crisis Intervention.

Rosh Hashanah is a time for joy, a time for new beginnings, celebrations and counting blessings. Since 1993, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County has impacted the community one person at a time. JFS consists of human stories of new beginnings, survival, and success:

- The story of Miriam and Adam and their three young children who relocated from Israel to Ann Arbor. They didn't have enough money to purchase items for their home or clothes for their children, so they turned to JFS. They were provided with cash assistance to purchase mattresses/box springs, sheets, blankets, comforters, pots and pans, vacuum cleaner, towels, wash cloths, winter coats for the children. They were referred to the JFS specialty food pantry and have kosher food delivered from Yad Ezra.
- The story of Solomon, an 88 year old man who is a Holocaust survivor. JFS is helping him receive his Blue Card so that he never has to worry about receiving proper medical and dental care, or emergency financial assistance when it is needed In addition to providing assistance with the Blue Card application, JFS also offered ongoing care management, in-home counseling, transportation services and medical accompaniment.
- The story of Ahmed who rejoined his family in the U.S. He was separated from them for over a year. He initially came to JFS for counseling to help him overcome trauma he experienced in his home country. While at JFS, he utilized JFS employment services, the recertification program and is now completing his undergraduate degree.

JFS helps all people in the community, both long-time residents and newcomers, to move toward dignity and strength. Over the years, JFS has evolved from a single-person agency with two programs to an organization with 53 staff members working in two different locations on a wide variety of services. JFS will be celebrating 25 years of providing a wide array of vital human services to a diverse international population, many crucially needed, and scarcely available. On Sunday, May 6, 2018, join JFS at their 25th anniversary celebration. ■

ESL students enjoy Tigers baseball game

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at JFS has served thousands of students from more than 40 countries. Jewish Family Services received a generous donation of 50 Detroit Tigers game tickets from the Tigers Foundation. This summer, ESL refugee students and their families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon exploring Detroit and cheering on the Tigers

The ESL program offers instruction at various levels of English language proficiency, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced, as well as test taking and work-related English skills for the advanced speaker. Classes emphasize the communicative approach to language learning while building life skills, focusing on building speaking skills through self-expression and communication. The ESL program at JFS is more than a language training curriculum. It is also designed to provide students with social, cultural, and practical skills. ■

Supporting Older Adults through Clutter Assistance Program

Diane L. Fenske, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County participates with The Hoarding Task Force (HTF) of Washtenaw County—a group of dedicated community professionals whose target audience is individuals dealing with clutter and hoarding issues. Individuals referred to the HTF are often older adults, with their primary goal to remain safely housed.

"Too much stuff,"—clutter and hoarding—is becoming increasingly recognized as a problem everywhere in the U.S., affecting more than 1.5 million people. Collecting items to excess creates chaos, and the subsequent lack of functionality in the home setting.

The HTF is seeking volunteers to work directly with clients in their homes. Duties often include sorting papers, emptying boxes, assisting with simple organization, etc. Training is provided, and volunteers typically work 1–3 hours/month with a prescreened client in the county. A member of the HTF provides oversight and support to volunteers and clients. The Clutter Assistance Program is a meaningful opportunity to impact the life of an individual needing personal support to improve their life. For more information, call (734)340-5813, or visit the website at Htfwashtenaw.org. ■

JCC's Second Annual Blood Drive a success

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor partnered with the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross to host a summer blood drive this past July. There is generally a higher need for blood donations in the summer as regular donors go out of town, and this year was no exception. Thanks to the 26 individuals who registered for the J's blood drive, donating a total of 21 units of blood. This was an increase of 23 percent over last year's blood drive. Dates are currently being chosen for next year's blood drive and the J hopes the community will be just as generous next time and save even more lives. ■

Paines Plough
Every Brilliant Thing
By Duncan Macmillan

A **Paines Plough** and **Pentabus Theatre Company** production
Starring **Jonny Donahoe**
Tuesday-Thursday, September 12-14 // 7:30 pm
Friday, September 15 // 8 pm
Saturday, September 16 // 5 pm & 8 pm
Sunday, September 17 // 2 pm
Arthur Miller Theatre

This new play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love was commissioned by Paines Plough, one of the UK's leading theater companies devoted to new writing. The show, an interactive, heartwarming, and life-affirming piece of theater that involves members of the audience, recounts a life lived in the shadow of suicide and "may be the funniest show about depression you've ever seen...about finding reasons to live rather than reasons to die. And those reasons can be as minute as wearing a cape and as big as falling in love." (*New York Post*)

The week of September 5-11 is National Suicide Prevention Week. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)

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L'État de siege (State of Siege)
Théâtre de la Ville

by **Albert Camus**
Directed by **Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota**
Friday-Saturday, October 13-14 // 8 pm
Power Center

In this nightmarish future, a city is reduced to silence and submission to authority. A character called The Plague takes control of the government, imposing a regime of contagion, domination, and disinformation — until a young man, Diego, organizes a revolt. Written in 1948 in the aftermath of World War II, *State of Siege* reflects the creation of a corrupt, totalitarian regime, weaving together paranoia, endurance, and the necessity of resistance.

Performed in French with English supertitles.

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A Negev 'Pitch Night' for new start-ups also solves local problems

by Megan E. Turner, JNF report

On a balmy summer's eve in Be'er Sheva, the excitement in the air was palpable at Jewish National Fund's Lauder Employment Center as 19 entrepreneurs shared their concepts for social change with a crowd of more than 250. Each took the stage in what was billed as a local "Pitch Night." With only 30 seconds to sell their idea, these budding business leaders summarized the past six months of hard work on their unique ideas into just a few, fleeting moments. Even more exciting, the best pitches of the evening were awarded seed money to help get their business off the ground.

With its sweeping vision to develop Southern Israel, Jewish National Fund has created myriad opportunities for residents in the Negev Desert region including finding good jobs and jumpstarting careers. The Lauder Center also helps to guide social entrepreneurs, formulate business plans, and teaches business skills to assist budding start-ups with the means to see their ideas come to fruition. As a byproduct, entrepreneurs often end up addressing unique social problems within their communities throughout the south.

"The people coming to us have the desire to make society better," explained Maor Elkayam, director of HaMeitz in Be'er Sheva, one of the Lauder Employment Center's partners. The ideas they are cooking up include a wide range of fields: education, culture, sustainability, health, and social housing, and they are headed up by Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, and young and old.

One of the pitches came from the Visitor's Educational Center for Ethiopian Jewish Culture and Heritage in Yerucham, a Negev development town founded in the 1950's that hadn't seen growth for more than 50 years. The center aims to dispel the stereotype of Ethiopian Jewish Israelis as 'the other' by bringing traditional Ethiopian Jewish culture to the wider Israeli society in an accessible and experiential way, with the center itself being a traditional Ethiopian gojo village house.

"If you are able to bring someone into your home, they see the culture and the tradition through different eyes, with a different mindset," said entrepreneur Matuk Almu, 33, and father of three. "It is this type of conversation that deepens cross-cultural understanding." The center also aims to strengthen Ethiopian identity with the younger generation born in Israel. "We want our kids to feel the culture and carry it with pride." By creating a space for dialogue and cross-cultural experience, Almu and his team are striving to tackle racial prejudice and stigmas that so sharply affect the Ethiopian community.

The Pride House of Be'er Sheva and the South also gave their pitch: to give the LGBTQ community in the Negev a safe haven for community, assistance, advocacy, and support. "I didn't study medicine," Osnat Glikstien, 24, entrepreneur of the Pride House, said, "but I do save lives." The important work being done by the Pride House is the first step in addressing social justice issues affecting the LGBTQ community, specifically in Be'er Sheva and all over Israel.

Next up was the Deaf Salon; they made a huge impact with their pitch. While Wafa Tibi, 46, one of the Salon's entrepreneurs, explained the concept of teaching young, deaf Bedouin women cosmetology, her colleague signed the pitch to the deaf girls in the audience who came to show their support. A staggering 5% of the Bedouin population is deaf, and deaf women in this society especially suffer from poor self-image and a lack of integration. Tibi, a mother of four from Northern Israel, moved to the south to help push this initiative. "I want these women to understand that they can take care of themselves, that they are like everyone else," she explained, beaming with pride. "I want to bring change to the south."

"I saw that there was a problem right under my nose – if I do not address it, then I am not fulfilling my role as an educator and community leader," said Yaser Elsaid, 42, the principal of the high school where the Deaf Salon is based.

"Jewish National Fund believes that if there is one place for positive change, it's the Negev, and Be'er Sheva is pioneering that change," said Eric Michaelson, JNF's Chief Israel Officer, referring to the many programs and partnerships at work that are making all of this a reality.

And what about that seed money for the best pitches of the evening? Each of the initiatives presented was awarded money as hey all exceeded expectations. And now, with the motivation and hope of bringing real and lasting change to the Negev, the entrepreneurs can begin the hard work of turning their pitches into reality. ■

For more information on JNF, call (888) JNF-0099 or visit www.jnf.org.

Hadassah to host brunch and museum tour

Maxine Solvay, special to the WJN

Join Hadassah for brunch at Sava, followed by a tour of the University of Michigan Museum of Art with Shelley Perlove, Ph.D. Dr. Perlove will discuss the architecture and design of the museum and will focus upon the significance and display of early modern and modern master works in the collection. Of special interest is her presentation of her own published work on the painting and related drawings for Guercino's Esther and Ahasuerus, which links the 17th-century painting to the enforcement of the Jewish ghetto in Ferrara.

Shelly Perlove

Dr. Perlove is professor emerita of art history, University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she founded Museum Studies and received two, highly prestigious campus awards for Distinguished Teaching and Research. Since "retirement" in 2012, Dr. Perlove has been teaching in history of art, and the Frankel Center of Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Dr. Perlove was twice nominated for the U-M Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. She is an internationally recognized scholar in early modern European art, with emphasis upon religious culture and the visual arts, and has authored/edited many books and articles. Her soon-to-be published book, Visual Typology in Early Modern Europe: Continuity and Expansion, examines the use of Hebrew biblical narratives in 16th century art. Perlove has been leading annual art, architecture, and history tours to Europe for adults for the past 25 years, and is planning one to Holland and Belgium in May 2018 (contact sperlove@umich.edu for information).

The Hadassah event will begin at 10 a.m. with brunch at Sava Restaurant, 216 South State Street, followed by the Museum of Art Tour, 525 South State Street, from 12:15–1:15 p.m. Limited space. Registration required; contact Maxine Solvay at solvaym@att.net or call (734) 668-1901.

Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States. With 330,000 members, associates, and supporters across the country, Hadassah brings Jewish women together to effect change and advocate on critical issues such as medical care and research, women's empowerment, and the security of Israel. Through the Hadassah Medical Organization's (HMO) two hospitals, the world-renowned trauma center and the leading research facility in Jerusalem, Hadassah supports the delivery of exemplary patient care to over a million people every year. HMO serves without regard to race, religion, or nationality and earned a Nobel Peace Prize Nomination in 2005 for building "bridges to peace" through equality in medical treatment. For more information, visit www.hadassah.org. ■

Celebrate Shavuot 2018 in Israel with the Ann Arbor-Nahalal Women's Experience

Ayelet Shapiro, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is proud to announce the Ann Arbor-Nahalal Women's Experience in Israel, May 17–28, 2018.

Since 2007, Ann Arbor has developed a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, as part of the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership2Gether project. The Women's Experience is a fantastic opportunity to experience the power of this partnership and to participate in a unique journey in Israel together with the women of Nahalal. The trip will include time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and a deep exploration of the central Galilee—its cuisine, wineries, art, culture and natural beauty. The program will include participation in Nahalal's legendary Shavuot celebrations and meaningful conversations about Jewish identity and issues important to women in Israel and the US.

Women celebrating Shavuot on Moshav Nahalal, Israel

One of the most prominent projects of the partnership has been the Ann Arbor/Nahalal Student Exchange. Now in its eleventh year, over 100 Ann Arbor-area teens have visited Nahalal and hosted reciprocal visits. "My sons participated in the Student Exchange and experienced Nahalal's warm hospitality and the power of making close connections with their peers in Israel," said Women's Experience planning committee chair Liz Wierba. "I am excited to work with our committee and counterparts in Nahalal to offer this meaningful experience to the women our community." The planning committee includes Carey Sherman, Elyssa Koidin Schmier, Eva Solomon and Laurie Barnett.

As of press time, specifics about the Women's Experience were still in development. For more information, contact Ayelet Shapiro at ayelet@jewishannarbor.org or (734) 677-0100, ext 220. ■

ORT America Opening Tea

Joan Levitt, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor chapter of ORT America will hold its Fall event," Opening Tea: Desserts of South Africa," on Sunday, September 24, from 2–4 p.m., at the home of Linda Greene. Members and prospective members are invited to attend.

The tea will highlight World ORT's program in South Africa, which provides an extensive range of training courses to improve employability in disadvantaged sectors of society and works with the Jewish communities to provide teacher training in technology. The program also serves as a vehicle for the Jewish community to demonstrate its commitment to social justice and economic development.

Lisa Saulles and Sue Sefansky enjoying the ORT Ann Arbor 2016 Brunch at the home of Pat McCune.

Annie Rose, cantor emerita of Temple Beth Emeth, will be the guest speaker, presenting the program "Music: Healing Our Hearts, Soothing Our Souls."

The Fall Event provides an opportunity to learn about ORT America's important work supporting World ORT's schools and high-tech training programs. The tea also provides an opportunity to meet old and new friends and to learn about the Ann Arbor chapter's activities, including the popular Book Group. For more information about ORT Ann Arbor, please check the website, www.ortannarbor.org.

For many students, ORT training is their transition to a satisfying career. For the 300,000 students ORT serves annually in over 37 countries, an ORT education makes all the difference.

A suggested donation of $10 will help support ORT. Rides are available if needed. RSVP to Joan Levitt at jflevitt2@gmail.com by September 15. ■

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ucation, life skills, and experience necessary for a career in the food service industry.

Stern, a Jewish Young Professionals board member who travels frequently to Israel on business, stated that, "the Campaigners' Mission provided a very different perspective than I'm used to seeing when I'm in Israel. I was aware of some of the programs and facilities we visited, but I never had the opportunity to see them first hand or talk to the people involved in or benefiting from them." Each exposure and interaction fostered a great deal of conversation about Israel's social issues and how they are being tackled, and there was a lot of discussion about how Israel and local Jewish communities in the United States support and address the concerns of their own vulnerable populations.

Rob Stern, Laura Udell, and Mira Sussman welcome Shabbat in Jerusalem

Experiencing the complexity of Israeli society

Developing a more nuanced view of Israel's challenges and complexities was enhanced by a particularly frank program, Four Faces of Israel, in which the group had an opportunity to hear from and interact with four characters possessing very strong and wide-ranging views on many aspects of Israeli society. "It is very hard for one person to hold on to divergent narratives," said Sussman, a Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor board member. "This program enabled us to connect personally with those who held a range of strongly-held opinions, even those with which we disagree vehemently, and illustrated the importance of delving into the nuance of this wonderful and difficult country."

Being based in Israel, the mission necessarily focused on projects developed and implemented by Federation's overseas partners. However, a significant component of the program was the training provided by scholar-in-residence Rae Ringel and other talented professionals and volunteers from across the US. With their newly gained skills and knowledge of issues and programs, the Levine Fellows are prepared to share what they learned about the power of the communal model of giving and how it both enables donors to help Jewish communities abroad and serves as the very underpinning of growth and sustainability of local Jewish communities. "I found the trip to be very moving and informative," said Udell, a Federation board member. "I feel I have a much more thorough and nuanced understanding of how Federation supports its partner agencies and programs. Now, when people ask questions about Federation's mission or want to hear how Federation touches people's lives, I will be armed with the rich stories and experiences I acquired while in Israel."

The next stage of the Levine Fellows journey will take place in November when they convene at the JFNA General Assembly in Los Angeles. Additional opportunities for leadership learning are being developed and will be incorporated into the Levine Fellows program. Those interested in being considered for the 2018 cohort are encouraged to contact Eileen Freed, eileenfreed@jewishannarbor.org, or call (734) 677-0100, ext. 215. ■

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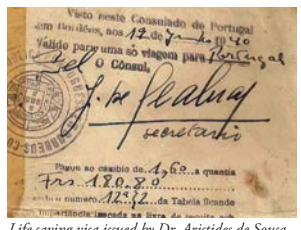

Life saving visa issued by Dr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes in June 19, 1940. Source: Huddyhuddy - Self-scanned, CC BY-SA 3.0

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Sept. 28, 12:15 PM
Marion Kaplan, New York University
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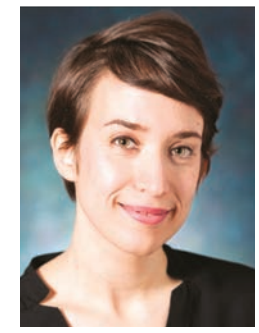

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Federation

Federation announces its Fall Campaign events

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is proud to announce two exciting autumn events to kick off its 2018 Annual Campaign.

The Major Gifts event will take place Monday, October 2, at the Matthei Botanical Gardens and will feature Jeff Goldman, an Emmy Award winning producer and reporter for CBS News and PBS News Hour. In "Covering the White House from Reagan to Trump:

Jeff Goldman

An Insider's Retrospective," Goldman will provide attendees with his unique perspective of current events as well as both serious and humorous anecdotes from his career covering six Presidents over 34 years. Having traveled the world with Secretaries of State from Colin Powell to Hillary Clinton, Goldman has been an eyewitness to major historical events, including both Gulf Wars, the election of Nelson Mandela, and the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

The Major Gifts event is co-chaired by Carey and David Sherman and Cindy and Scott Kellman. "We are truly fortunate to have a speaker who will provide his unique insider perspective on events from inside the White House and Air Force One," said Carey Sherman. Individuals or families who pledge at least $5,000 to support the Jewish community through a gift to the 2018 Annual Campaign are invited to participate.

With an amusing and tasty twist, this year's Main Event will feature comedian Joel Chasnoff and two-time *Chopped!* champion, Israeli chef Einat Admony. On Monday, November 6 at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium, the two will combine forces to present Belly Laughs, an evening of comedy, stories, inspiration, and the "best darn baklava on this side of the Mediterranean." In 2012, Admony and Chasnoff teamed up to write *Balaboosta*, an award-winning cookbook featuring Admony's Mediterranean recipes and hilarious anecdotes about what it takes to make it as an Israeli chef in New York. Guests will be laughing and noshing their way through the evening with dishes prepared straight from the cookbook.

The Main Event has become an anticipated community event bringing together people from across the Jewish community to be entertained, edified and/or challenged. It is also an opportunity to reflect with pride on how, through the important work of our local, national and international partners, our community fosters and sustains Jewish life in Ann Arbor, in Israel and around the world.

For more information about either of these events, visit our www.jewishannarbor.org or contact Max Glick at max@jewishannarbor.org, or (734) 677-0100 x228. ■

Comfort and challenge

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

As I write this article, we are preparing to celebrate the Shabbat known as *Shabbat Nahamu*, the Shabbat of comfort. *Shabbat Nahamu* is the name given to the Shabbat after the fast day of *Tisha B'av,* the 9th of Av. On that Shabbat, the reading from the Prophets, the Haftarah, is taken from the book of Isaiah and begins with the words *Nahamu Nahamu Ami*, "Be Comforted, Be Comforted, my people".

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Isaiah seeks to comfort the Israelites whose parents and grandparents had been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylonia following the destruction of the first Temple. He assures them that they will return to Jerusalem, a prophecy which became a reality with the return to the land and the building of the 2nd temple.

By the time this issue of the WJN reaches you, we will all have moved on from the Shabbat of comfort and will be well into the month of Elul, the month of preparation for the High Holy Days. We are instructed by our tradition to dedicate this month to *teshuvah,* repentance, considering our actions of the past year and thinking about the judgment represented by Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

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The High Holy Days are a time to seriously consider the course of our lives, to evaluate where we can change for the better and serve as an inspiration for us to seriously dedicate ourselves to making those changes. The urgency to change comes from the words of the liturgy, the melodies which bring back such strong memories and the expectations of past generations, the sound of the Shofar which seeks to awaken us from our slumber and the fast of Yom Kippur. All of these aspects of the holy days are intended to leave us unsettled and uncomfortable as we contemplate the years that have passed and the reality that we are one year closer to the end of our lives than we were last year at this time.

But, that is not the entire story of the holy days.

The holy days are also about comfort.

The sound of the shofar that awakens us to urgency also serves as a comfort that we can in fact make changes in our lives and in our world. The liturgy which contains words of challenge us also contain more than their share of words of hope and praise. The fast of Yom Kippur while it may cause us discomfort also allows us to tap into the spiritual aspect of our lives, so often ignored, and find the comfort in seeking something beyond ourselves. And, when we hear those of younger generations singing the same melodies we grew up with, we find comfort in knowing that our tradition will continue into the future.

Our faith is meant to provide both comfort and challenge for us. If it were only about comfort, it would so serve no purpose other than to make us continue our status quo into the future. But, if our faith was only about challenge, we would be tempted to turn away completely.

We need both comfort and challenge.

May Rosh Hashana provide for all us the challenge to do better and the comfort we derive from our beautiful traditions and our supportive communities.

Shana Tova. ■

Elul—preparing for Rosh Hashanah

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

We are now in the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. Elul is a very important month because in order to have a proper Rosh Hashanah we have to prepare ourselves. Like anything else in life, when one prepares properly it maximizes the benefit for which they prepared. As the rabbis of the Talmud tell us about Shabbat, in order to have a nice Shabbat, one must prepare on the eve of Shabbat (*erev* Shabbat, Friday). The more one prepares on Friday, the better the Shabbat experience. Similarly, in order to have a proper Rosh Hashanah, one has to prepare for the entire preceding month. Elul is also known as the month of accounting, reckoning and taking stock of where we are holding in our life. We look back at the previous year and see what needs to be improved and corrected and then make resolutions to do so in the upcoming year. Like in a business, in order to be successful, one has to take stock and inventory and analyze the business to see what was successful and what wasn't and then resolve to make improvements for an ever better next year. As we are always trying to improve ourselves, it is important for us to take stock of our spiritual state of well-being. On Rosh Hashanah we resolve to improve ourselves for the entire year. Therefore, we need the entire month of Elul to prepare for the momentous day of Rosh Hashanah.

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

What makes Elul unique is that the name itself tells us the quality or nature of the month. As the rabbis tell us in *The Ethics of Sinai* in the first chapter, the world stands on three pillars. The three pillars are:

1. The study of Torah
2. Service to God (sacrifices in the Holy Temple when it stands, but for now it's our prayer services)
3. Acts of kindness—charity, helping someone in need, etc.

Since on Rosh Hashanah we prepare the world for the upcoming year, we want to make sure that we are doing our part to see that the world is on firm and steady pillars. Therefore, it's appropriate that during the month of Elul we should make extra efforts to ensure that the three pillars upon which the world stands are strengthened and secured through extra efforts on our part.

The world stands on three pillars: The study of the Torah, service to God, and acts of kindness.

We start out with the study of Torah. During Elul, one should increase their study of Torah. This directive is indicated in the name of the month. If we take the letters of Elul—*aleph, lamed, vav*, lamed it makes an acronym of the words *eenah liyadoh v'samti lach*, which means, if something negetive happens to come your way God will show you a way to protect your-self. The Torah is speaking here of a city of refuge—the original "sanctuary city" elucidated in the Torah where a person who, God forbid, commits an accidental homicide can be safe from the avenging family. The Torah prescribes that there be six of these cities to which people can run to be spared the revenge of the aggrieved family.

That is on the physical level. On the spiritual level, if a person doesn't treat their soul properly, they need protection while they atone for the wrongdoing. The study of Torah provides this sanctuary. That's the first pillar, the pillar of Torah study that we should increase during Elul.

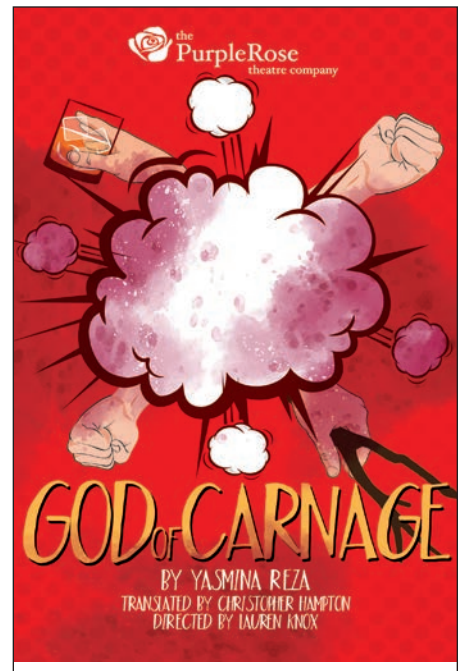
The next pillar is *avoda*, the service to God. What does that have to do with Elul? In the "Song of Songs" we express our love to God and God to the Jewish people. In Hebrew there is a famous phrase taken from this song—*ani l'dodi v'dodi li*—"I to my beloved and my beloved to me." That is the relationship between God and the Jewish people. It is a two-way relationship—the love of a Jew to God and the love of God to a Jew. The aforementioned acronym for Elul is also applied here. The four Hebrew words begin with the same four letters in the month of Elul—*aleph, lamed, vav* and *lamed*. This pillar we do via our service to God. In the times of the Holy Temple it was by the sacrifice services. Today, without the Holy Temple, our services consist of our prayers that we give from ourselves to God. That is the second pillar, the pillar of service to God and we should increase our prayers in quality and in quantity during Elul. There are a couple of customs that help us accomplish this. One is the twice-daily recitation of Psalm 27. We find the Elul connection with the Hebrew word *lulay*. The second custom, which was instituted by the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of the Chasidic movement, is to increase the recitation of all of the book of Psalms. He suggested, that starting from the first day of Elul, we recite three chapters of Psalms per day all the way up to the eve of Yom Kippur. Then, during Yom Kippur, we recite 36 chapters that adds up to 150 chapters—the complete book of Psalms. Our sages tell us that the recitation of Psalms creates great effects in the spiritual world and in that merit God will give us a good year.

The third pillar is acts of kindness. We find in the Book of Esther, words regarding giving to the poor and giving gifts on Purim. *Ish l' ray-ayhu*—one should give to one's friend, *u matanot l'evyonim*—one should give gifts to poor people. The acronym of these two phrases is the word Elul. So this is another reason why we increase our charity and other acts of kindness during the month of Elul beyond what we normally would do.

In addition to the three pillars that the world stands on we have two more aspects pertaining to Elul. One is *Teshuva*—repentance. We should increase our repentance to God. In Deuteronomy we find the phrase " God will circumcise our hearts". In Hebrew, *es l'vovcha v' es l'vavzarecha*—another Elul acronym indicating our need to increase our level of repentance to God this month.

And finally, we can connect this concept with the coming of the Moshiach in the month of Elul—which we hope and pray will be this year. In the song of the splitting of the Red Sea, *ashira l'ashem va'yomru laymor* is also another Elul acronym. So, God willing, now that we are still in the month of Elul, we should use it to its maximum potential. This should prepare us for the coming New Year.

God willing, we should all be blessed with a good year, a happy year, a healthy year, a successful year and all good things including the ultimate blessing with the coming of the Moshiach. ■



Guest Editorial

Despite this nightmare, we will defeat hate

By Sonya Lewis

Last night I dreamed that I was trapped inside my synagogue while dozens of neo-Nazis surrounded the building, all pointing semi-automatic weapons toward the windows. Those of us inside were terrified and confused, scrambling together for cover. The dream seemed to go on forever. It was the kind of dream in which you wake up briefly, return to sleep, and realize that the action has continued without pause; the kind of dream for which the clarity of daylight typically provides reassurance that these horrific events could never happen in real life.

Only in this case, I am now wide awake, haunted by my nightmare, realizing that in this Trumpian era in which bigots are emboldened, activated, and armed, the events of my dream cannot be dismissed as fantasy. Over the past two weeks in Ann Arbor, we have had a bomb threat at Jewish Family Services, we saw our local skate park defiled by swastikas and other anti-Semitic graffiti, and we experienced hateful vandalism at a popular gay bar. Hatred has penetrated my city, a liberal and loving enclave that is relatively insulated from the bigotry that has erupted across the nation.

While I don't think that our local synagogues will ever be threatened in military fashion as they were in my dream, I do know that the values represented by our buildings and institutions are increasingly under siege. Trump's rise to power is the expression of long seething fear and hatred that pre-dated his candidacy, and now finds wider acceptance as he pours gasoline on the flames of intolerance. Trump did not create the fire-breathing monster, but he is very much responsible for its growth and proliferation.

I'm not offering any solutions here, except my usual call for each of us to do our part to counteract hatred with large and small acts of love, compassion and activism (which may indeed be the only solution). We can defeat hatred, and we WILL do so. However, in the process, we must steel ourselves for a prolonged battle against menacing forces that threaten us day and night, even in our dreams.

TBE September events

SooJi Min, special to the WJN

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service, Every Friday

September 1, 8 and 15, 5:45 p.m., TBE Sanctuary 5:45 p.m., Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut 6:15 p.m. Dinner for Tot Shabbat | 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

All of your favorite songs led by TBE's tot team, Cantor Hayut and Rabbi Levy. Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office.

Step Up Shabbat for 1–5 grades

Fridays, September 1, 8 and 15, 5:45 p.m., TBE Chapel

TBE's new Shabbat experience for children in first through fifth grades that will take place parallel to Tot Shabbat. Rotating services led by Rabbi Josh Whinston, Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut and Rabbi Daniel Alter.

Welcome Back Welcome, New Member Shabbat

Friday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.

Summer is officially over and the new litigurical year begins again at TBE.

Meet and Greet for new Education Director Rabbi Daniel Alter

Saturday, September 9 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. or 10:55-11:40 a.m.

Stop by TBE and meet incoming education director Rabbi Daniel Alter.

Weekly Lunch & Learn

Fridays, September 8, 15, and 22, noon-1 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch.

High Holy Days "How To" with WTBE

Sunday, September 10, 5:30-7 p.m., TBE

The Women of TBE (WTBE) is sponsoring a group of four lay-led holiday workshops. The first one scheduled for September 10 will cover the Holy Days. During the fun-filled session, history, common foods and customs will be reviewed. Each participant will learn to shape a turban challah and take it home to bake and freeze for their holiday meal.

Shabbat Achat: One Community Shabbat

Friday, September 22, TBE Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m. Dinner for Shabbat Achat, 6 p.m.

Don't miss the Shabbat Achat service for the entire community! All ages – come one come all for One Shabbat led by Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut. There will be a Shabbat Achat on the fourth Friday of each month. Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately preceding the service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office. Note the 6:30 p.m. start time for services on Shabbat Achat.

Torah Study

Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 8:50 a.m.

Everyone is invited to this weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston.

Chapel Service

Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10 a.m., TBE Chapel

Join in for this Saturday Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Whinston or Cantor Hayut.

Women's Torah Study

Monday, September 11 and 25, 7 p.m.

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org

Men's Torah Study

Thursday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.

A men's Torah discussion group will be led monthly by Rabbi Whinston on the 4th Monday. Participants will find their way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Bill Parkus at parkus@comcast.net.

Shalom Gever, Jewish Karate

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Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit

Thursdays, September 7, 14 and 28, 1 p.m., TBE Chapel.

For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. SooJi Min is TBE's executive director. She completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Quyen Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women's Studies. One of the areas she specializes in is working with adolescents, adults, and couples on issues of faith and spirituality. Contact SooJi Min with questions, 665-4744.

Washtenong Memoral Garden Open House and Dedication

Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m.–noon

Tour TBE's additional cemetery site located at Washtenong Memorial Park, 3771 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Have your questions answered by members of TBE's cemetery committee. Rabbi Josh Whinston will lead a brief dedication service

Spirituality Book Club 2017–18

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 14, Noon

Led by Annie Rose, TBE's cantor emerita.

Everyone is welcome to the new season of TBE's Spirituality Book Club. This year the group will be reading six books over the course of nine months. Feel free to come to the Tuesday night sessions or the Thursday afternoon sessions. Registration is not required, but it is helpful to the planning to know how many people may come: cantorannie@gmail.com.

High Holy Days Adult Education

A Jonah Teaching & Discussion, Presented by Richard Greene
Session B: Thursday, September 7, 12:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. , TBE's Adult Lounge

Prepare for the High Holy Days with an adult ed class and open discussion on the origins, meaning, and continuing relevance of the book of Jonah. Session B will explore the relevance and meaning of Jonah in Jewish tradition and today. Mix and match sessions in whatever way you'd like. Study materials available, but not necessary to attend, participate and enjoy.

High Holy Days, New Prayer Book Session

Thursday, September 14, 7-8 p.m., TBE

Get a preview of the new High Holy Day Prayer Books, Mishkan HaNefesh, to be used during the Days of Awe this year.

Weekly Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation

Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1 p.m., TBE Family Room next to Sanctuary.

Yin yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga with postures, or asanas, that are held for long periods of time. Sessions are led by SooJi Min. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, props if needed, water and wear comfortable clothing. Contact SooJi Min, sjmin@templebethemeth.org with questions.

WTBE Fiber Arts Group

Monday, September 18, 7–9 p.m.

Anyone interested in Fiber Arts: knitting, crocheting, and crafts are welcome. Meet new people and have fun with the Women of TBE. This group will be contributing to the Israeli Peace quilt. (All materials for the project provided by WTBE.) Contact Bobbi Heilveil for details at (734) 276-5741 or bobbiheilveil@gmail.com.

TBE welcomes Rabbi Alter as new school head

SooJi Min, special to the WJN

On July 1, 2017, Temple Beth Emeth welcomed its new director of Religious Education, Rabbi Daniel K. Alter. He will lead the Terri A. Ginsburg Religious and Hebrew School, named for his predecessor when she recently retired after 21 years.

Rabbi Alter joins TBE as a newly ordained rabbi, graduating from the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles in May. Prior to rabbinical school, Rabbi Alter received a master's in Jewish Education, also from the HUC LA campus. During each year at HUC, in addition to coursework, Rabbi Alter completed an internship and intentionally chose a wide range of opportunities in order to have the most varied experiences. These internships included teaching and learning about religious school administration at Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles as well as developing and implementing a training program for religious school *madrichim* at Temple Beth El in San Pedro, CA. In his fourth year, Rabbi Alter served as the student rabbi on a naval base in China Lake, California. His congregation consisted for the most part of retirees from the base, and his few students at the religious school included elementary students, toddlers, and additionally, an adult preparing for conversion. In his sixth year, he worked at Beit T'Shuvah, the only Jewish residential addiction recovery center in the country, located in Los Angeles. This exceptional program serves people of all faiths who were looking for a spiritual pathway to recovery. Beit T'Shuvah combines Jewish teachings as well as 12-step and other programs to help the residents meet their goals.

Rabbi Daniel Alter

During a visit to Ann Arbor earlier this year, a group of congregants enjoyed a preview of Rabbi Alter's enthusiasm and educational style. He presented a fascinating lesson inspired by a project from a class on Midrash that focused on stories that were told in multiple versions, such as in both the Tanach and the Talmud. Rabbi Alter investigated Steven Spielberg's 1981 film Raiders of the Lost Ark and how its portrayal of the Ark of the Covenant compares to descriptions of the ark in traditional sources, from the books of Exodus and Joshua to the Talmud to Louis Ginzberg's *The Legends of the Jews*. The "class" was quite astounded connective tissues between the movie and our texts.

Rabbi Alter was born and raised in a Beaumont, Texas, a town about the same size as Ann Arbor near the Louisiana border. The small Jewish community there has been served by Temple Emanuel since 1895. In 1915, Rabbi Alter's great-grandfather founded a business in Beaumont, Alter's Gem Jewelry, which today is managed by Rabbi Alter's father. Rabbi Alter's mother has a masters in social work and is very active in the community, volunteering for Family Services, the Junior League, and other organizations. Rabbi Alter identifies the following as the most important lesson he learned from his parents: to see everyone as equal, without labeling them, and to cultivate a sense of empathy. Rabbi Alter attended the University of Texas in

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Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation welcomes new rabbi

Emily Eisbruch, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC) is delighted to welcome its new Rabbi, Ora Nitkin-Kaner, starting on September 1.

"We were looking for someone who could lead engaging and inclusive services, provide pastoral support, and help our community grow," explains AARC board chair Debbie Field. "Rabbi Ora led a Shabbaton for our congregation in the summer of 2016, and we were extremely impressed by her thoughtful service leading and teaching and by her warm, empathetic presence. We are looking forward to welcoming her and helping her to find a home with us. "

Born and raised in Toronto, Rabbi Ora learned to love and wrestle with Judaism at home, in Hebrew day school and at the University of Toronto.

As part of her rabbinical training, she worked as a student and sabbatical rabbi in synagogues in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. During her final year of rabbinical school, Ora served as the Bert Linder Rabbinic Intern at West End Synagogue in New York City. Rabbi Ora was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in 2016.

Prior to entering the RRC, Rabbi Ora spent the years of 2008-2010 in New Orleans as a fellow of the Jewish service corps organization, Avodah. There she worked with the organization Resurrection after Exoneration which was founded by death row exoneree John "JT" Thompson. Following her ordination in 2016, Rabbi Ora returned to New Orleans and spent the past year there working as a chaplain in a local hospital.

Below, Rabbi Ora shares thoughts about her recent experiences in New Orleans and her plans for leading the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation.

Eisbruch: Tell us about your chaplaincy work in New Orleans.

Rabbi Ora: This past year working as a chaplain at East Jefferson General Hospital has been hard and emotionally rich. Most of my work is with oncology patients, which means that I am often sharing pastoral conversation, reflection, and prayer with people facing their own death within months or even weeks.

On one occasion, I was called to the death of an elderly woman who had suffered from dementia for years. Prior to her dementia, the patient had been a difficult and harsh parent, and had had trouble expressing affection to her daughter. I was present as the patient's daughter stood at her dying mother's bedside. The daughter stroked her mother's forehead over and over for hours, and, crying, reassured her mother, 'It's ok for you to go. I'll be ok. You can go now.'

Rabbi Ora Nitkin-Kaner

One dynamic I have observed in hospital chaplaincy is that regardless of faith tradition, patients often approach their deaths in ways similar to how they lived. For several months I visited a patient whose family and early relationships had taught her to repress her more difficult emotions so that she would not 'push people away.' As she grappled with the news that she would likely die within a few weeks, I witnessed her dancing around her coming death, sometimes engaging and sometimes retreating, as she was able. It seems that if we are lucky and we get the chance, even dying can offer a heart-wrenching opportunity for growth, not only for ourselves but also for our loved ones as we take leave of them.

Eisbruch: How has the chaplaincy work impacted you?

Rabbi Ora: Much of the work of a good chaplain happens inside. During my work this year, I have been challenged to remain emotionally present and compassionate towards patients who are abusive, volatile, racist, or anti-Semitic; I have set clear and appropriate boundaries with patients whose mental or physical illnesses cause them to want to break down boundaries between themselves and others; I have been challenged to be empathic without being consumed by another's grief or my grief for them; and I have mourned the losses of patients whose lives touched mine, often deeply and often briefly, before they died.

Eisbruch: What are you most looking forward to as you start your Rabbinical work with the AARC?

Rabbi Ora: I have been so moved and impressed by AARC congregants' joyful commitment to vibrant and creative Jewish life in Ann Arbor. These are folks who have full time jobs, families, and diverse responsibilities outside of AARC, but they consistently make time to dream and create meaningful Jewish experiences for themselves and others. I am excited about being in community with such thoughtful and curious Jews.

Eisbruch: What are you bringing to Ann Arbor from your experience with the New Orleans Jewish community?

Rabbi Ora: I am looking forward to building and growing relationships between AARC and other local synagogues and Jewish organizations. When I first moved to New Orleans in 2008, I was struck by how the city's synagogues had really come together to support one another in the wake flooding after the levees' failure in Hurricane Katrina. I began attending Beth Israel, a Modern Orthodox shul whose building had been destroyed in the storm, and whose services were 'temporarily' housed in Gates of Prayer, a large reform synagogue. This temporary arrangement ended up lasting several years, until Beth Israel raised funds to build a new synagogue on property purchased from (and adjacent to) Gates of Prayer. This was such a sweet model of collaboration, and it is one that I believe does not have to be precipitated by a natural disaster! There can be a lot of joy and meaningful friction when Jews of different denominations and backgrounds come together to learn and eat and pray, and I am hoping there will be many opportunities for this kind of cross-community building in Ann Arbor as well. I am also looking forward to establishing and deepening relationships with local non-Jewish faith communities.

Eisbruch: What do you expect to be your first areas of focus as Rabbi for the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation?

Rabbi Ora: I will be focused on listening closely to the needs and dreams of the AARC community: what congregants are hopeful and hungry for, what their pastoral, spiritual, and educational needs are, what kind of leader they want for themselves, and how they want to grow as individuals and as a community. I am looking forward to offering and sharing soulful, song-filled services, vibrant Jewish learning, a commitment to local and national justice issues, and a spirituality that is nourishing and potentially transformative. ■

For more information about the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, visit http://aarecon.org/.

TBE celebrates Ray McLellan's 25th anniversary as musical accompanist

Robin Little, special to the WJN

This month, TBE celebrates the 25th anniversary of Ray McLellan joining us as the musical accompanist for services, choir rehearsals, and concerts. In September 1992, Ray McLellan was hired as the organist at TBE to accompany Friday night services. During these 25 years, he has worked with Marilyn Krimm, Cantor Emerita Annie Rose, and Cantor Regina Hayut. Over that time, said Cantor Hayut, "He has developed a depth of understanding of Judaism that is apparent and meaningful in his work with us."

McLellan had a wide array of musical training, studying piano, organ, and carillon. He grew up in Florida, receiving his bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College. McLellan came to the University of Michigan in 1980 for master's and doctoral degrees in Organ Performance. The carillon was a cognate for the doctoral degree. After he completed the DMA in 1994, he studied at the Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort. He has been the University Carillonneur at MSU since 1997 where he performs and teaches in their School of Music. McLellan has given carillon recitals on the U-M campus, playing the Baird Carillon in the Burton Tower and the Ann and Robert Lurie Carillon on North Campus. On August 7, he performed on the Lurie Carillon in a diverse program that included original music for the carillon, "Maple Leaf Rag," and arrangements of "Hava Nagila" and the Yiddish classic "Oyfn Pripetchik."

Ray McLellan

McLellan was raised in the United Methodist Church, but he has worked at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Monroe since 1985, where he directs their music program and volunteer choir. He plays for masses, weddings, and funerals. McLellan says, "Over the years, I have learned that the Catholic liturgy descended from the Jewish liturgy, and of course both religions have the Old Testament in common. It's more meaningful when you understand the connections." Many congregants have noted how engaged McLellan is during services, reading and chanting prayers, and singing along, even when he isn't playing the piano.

As accompanist for Kol Halev, McLellan traveled on the choir trips to Eastern Europe in 2004 and Argentina in 2007. He recalls that "Traveling together really strengthened our Kol Halev community." He remembers those experiences fondly, but jokes that the honky-tonk pianos in Bucharest and Moisesville should not have survived the Second World War.

Cantor Emerita Annie Rose worked with McLellan throughout her 20-year tenure at TBE and commented on his flexibility: "Sometimes, it's not possible to set a sanctuary or performance space exactly as one might wish. This was the case in several of our concerts in Europe and Argentina, where the piano was behind a pillar, or even behind the choir, yet I never even thought about McLellan missing a beat or dragging the tempo. His ability to listen and to trust the other musicians is mighty."

Choir members appreciate McLellan's patience with them as they learn new repertoire. He often leads sectional rehearsals, "always with a smile and an easy going attitude," according to Ronnie Simon, member of Kol Halev and past TBE administrator. Cantor Hayut concurs: "McLellan brings warmth and humor to Kol Halev rehearsals. He is my right hand – I could not run rehearsals successfully without him."

TBE will honor McLellan at "Welcome Back Shabbat" services on Friday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. The entire Jewish community is welcome to join TBE for services and a special oneg afterwards. For more information, contact the TBE office, at (734) 665-4744. ■

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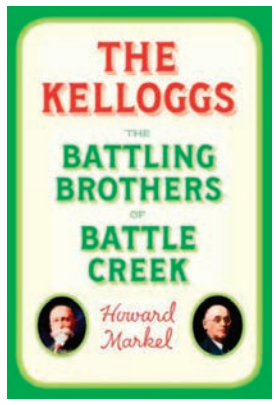

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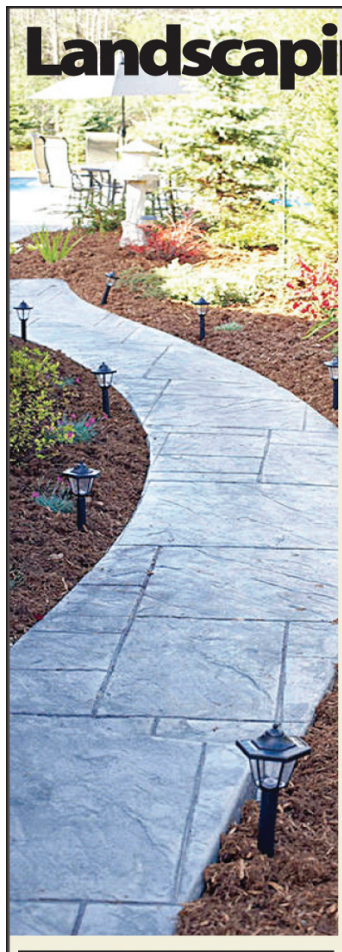

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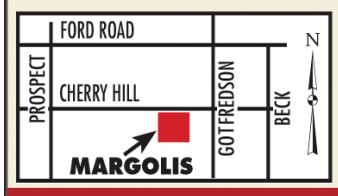

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This month at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesday, September 6, noon–1:15 p.m.c Garfunkel Schteingart Activities Center (2010 Washtenaw Ave.)

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal lead informal an informal discussion on a current topic. Participants are invited to bring a dairy lunch. Beverages and snacks are always provided.

A Toast to the New Year, featuring Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

September 10, 10 a.m.: brunch; 10:30 a.m.: "A Conversation with Congresswoman Woman Dingell; 11:30 a.m.: Toasting the New Year

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

Beth Israel welcomes 5778 with a visit from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, a blast from the shofar, a skit involving Religious School students, and a toast to the New Year. Congresswoman Dingell has represented the 12th District of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives since 12015. An active civic and community leader for many years, she is a recognized national advocate for women and children. Congresswoman Dingell resides in Dearborn with her husband, retired Congressman John D. Dingell of Michigan. She holds both a B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University.

Lunch & Learn: High Holiday edition

Wednesday, September 13, noon–1:15 p.m.

Join Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal for a special session of Lunch & Learn. Beth Israel will provide lunch and the group will watch the film *18 Voices Sing Kol Nidre*. How did the Kol Nidre become a Jewish anthem and an object of intense interest for non-Jews? We find out when 18 voices sing Kol Nidre, when 18 storytellers share their tales, their anecdotes, about the prayer. Some are top experts on the chant, some are just those who have been changed by chanting it. Each tells his or her story with the help of unique visuals and a unique musical setting for the haunting melody to share the secrets of a sacred chant from those who have been touched by it. RSVP must be emailed to Suzanne at rabbisoffice@bethisrael-aa.org by Tuesday, September 12, so enough food is ordered.

Gan Kat

September 17, October 8, November 12, December 17, January 28, February 25, March 18, April 22, 9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Gan Katan is designed for 3 and four year olds with a parent (or other adult). New teacher Zach Bernstein has returned to his native Ann Arbor with his wife and two children after ten years in San Francisco. He teaches at the Early Childhood Center at the JCC, and is excited about sharing his talents of shofar blowing, challah making, and exploring Torah and prayer with Gan Katan families. The cost for the year is $150. Gan Katan is open to Beth Israel member and non-member families.

Sukkot services

Morning Sukkot services: Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6, 9:30 a.m.

As part of the congregation's celebration of Sukkot, there will be a kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah on the first day of Sukkot, and a kiddush in the Sukkah on the second day. The lulav and etrog are used in the ancient ceremony of the lulav and etrog processions, as well as during the Hallel Service on both those days. For other services on these holidays please refer to the calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.org. Anyone may order a Lulav and Etrog through Beth Israel.

Steak and salmon in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 8, 6 p.m.

New this year, Beth Israel is offering you the possibility of enjoying a more elaborate dinner than usual to celebrate the new Beth Israel Sukkah, designed by Sukkah Project. The menu is ribeye steak, maple glazed salmon, roasted seasonal root vegetables, mashed potatoes, dessert and fruit. The vegetarian option is mushroom and vegetable strudel. The cost is $25 per person. Payments are due by Tuesday, October 3. Only paid reservations will be accepted and because of the holiday and Shabbat, no reservation can be accepted after that date. The dinner will take place rain or shine; in case of rain the dinner will be held in the Social Hall.

Beth Israel events open to non-members

Almost all Beth Israel events are open to the general community, and many are offered at no cost. Call (734) 665-9897 for additional information about the summer events.

Additional events will be posted on Beth Israel's website: www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Complimentary tickets for High Holidays for newcomers, graduate students and full-time medical residents, and special dues for those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and full time Medical Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms for Rosh Hashanah must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, and by September 28 for Yom Kippur, and no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

People who are 35 years old or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $37.25).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at (734) 665-9897. All High Holiday ticket and Membership forms are found on the Beth Israel website, www.bethisrael-aa.org . ■

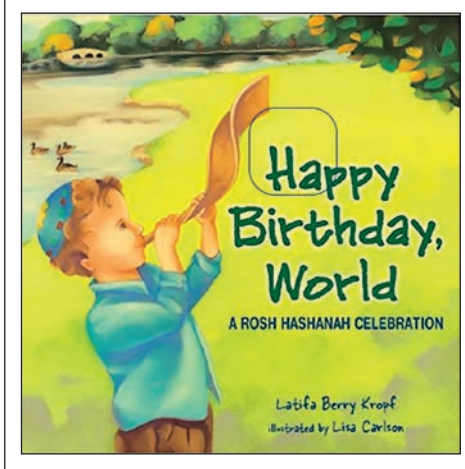
Adult Hebrew classes

Adult Hebrew Classes and Drop-In Registration Join an Adult Hebrew class this fall to gain new skills while making great friends! Classes are co-sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation, and will begin the week of October 16. Tuition for the 12-week session is $180 for members of either BIC or TBE, $200 for non-members, and $50 for full time students. Potential students are welcome to stop by the BIC social hall on Monday, October 2 from 5–7 p.m. At this informal Drop-In Registration, BIC Director of Education Cindy Saper will be available to answer any questions and help students determine which class best meets their needs. For more information contact school@bethisrael-aa.org or (734) 769-2041.

Happy Birthday to the World celebration for families with children

Sarah Klein, special to the WJN

Families with children aged 7 and younger are invited to join Beth Israel Congregation and PJ Library for a Happy Birthday to the World celebration! This free event will take place at Gallup Park on Sunday, September 24, from 10 a.m.–noon. Families will enjoy an interactive story experience, make shofar kazoos, and have fun in birthday party activities. In addition, families can participate in "tashlich"—an activity traditionally done during Rosh Hashanah when kids and parents can think about all the things they have done wrong during the year and throw them away into a body of water. (Tashlich is the Hebrew word for "casting out.")



PJ Library sends free Jewish children's books to families across the world every month. They know that something magical happens when parents sit down together to read with their children. PJ Library shares Jewish stories that can help a family talk together about values and traditions that are important to them. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. There is no charge for this event. To rsvp or for more information, contact Sarah Klein, BIC program director, at sklein@bethisrael-aa.org, or call (734) 769-1651. ■

Mussar classes return to Ann Arbor

Roann Altman, special to the WJN

An introductory class in Mussar will be offered this fall through Beth Israel Congregation. The course, A Season of Mussar I, is based on materials developed by Dr. Alan Morinis, dean of The Mussar Institute (TMI).

The spiritual practice of Mussar provides a guide for living a more meaningful life, one filled with more skillful relationships and greater equanimity. As participants become more aware of their behavior through a study of Jewish sources dating back to the 10th century, they begin to experience powerful changes and growth.

The foundation of Mussar is the study of soul traits (middot) that underlie one's behavior. Examples of traits include Honor, Patience, Strength, and Trust. The 13-week program includes an introductory session followed by six sessions, each focusing on a soul trait (middah) for two weeks. Participants receive reading materials and exercises electronically prior to each biweekly group meeting. In the weeks following each group meeting, partners meet informally at a time and place of their choosing for more in-depth study.

Group meetings will be held on Monday evenings from 7:45–9:15 p.m. at Beth Israel Congregation on the following dates: October 16 and 30; November 13 and 27; December 11 and 26 [Tuesday]; January 8. Facilitators of the course will be Roann Altman and Rabbi Robert Dobrusin.

The cost of the program, including all materials and exercises, is $136 per person, payable directly to The Mussar Institute. To enroll in the program or to obtain additional information, email roann@umich.edu or call her at (734) 483-8352. Enrollment must be completed by Tuesday, September 26, to ensure timely receipt of the study materials prior to the first class meeting. ■

Cultural Jews find meaning in High Holidays

Julie Gales, special to the WJN

The High Holidays ask us to take stock of our year, our lives, and our community. Jews of every cultural or religious background engage in this process of reflection and renewal, and make a yearly course correction to reconnect with our personal, professional, and communal goals.

The traditional, rabbinic view of the High Holidays is steeped in awe and terror. An omnipotent Yahweh undertakes an annual judgment of humanity, rendering an initial verdict on Rosh Hashanah and a final verdict on Yom Kippur. In the face of Yahweh's terrifying presence and power, the safest human response was to appear as humble as possible. Appeasement ceremonies, including prayer, fasting, wearing torn clothing, and weeping were all ways to supplicate before God.

The Haskalah or Jewish Enlightenment, out of which Secular Humanistic Judaism grew, undermined the old belief framework of the High Holidays and weakened the overwhelming sense of dread. Notions of divine record-keeping and supernatural rewards and punishments were questioned by the new rational inquiry. Modern-thinking Jews revised their prayers and dispensed with some rituals entirely because they were deemed less compelling or seemed to be an unnecessary deprivation.

Some secular Jews regarded any celebration of the holidays as too religious and were likely to neglect them altogether. Why do cultural Jews observe the High Holidays today when some of our immediate ancestors rejected them? We realize that the High Holidays, precisely because they are personal rather than national, have a special significance for Secular Humanistic Jews.

If human judgment replaces divine judgment, and if human power becomes the alternative to divine power, then Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur become perfect vehicles for celebrating a humanistic philosophy of life. It is appropriate for Jews to reflect on the moral quality of their behavior and to make decisions to improve it. It is also appropriate to revitalize rituals, customs, and ceremonies when they enhance our observance and celebration and are compatible with our values and philosophy.

Introspection and goal setting are traditional. They are also humanistic. The High Holidays provide the occasion for cultural Jews to restate our belief in personal responsibility. They are not a punishment or threat, but an opportunity for each of us to reset our moral compass.

The Jewish Cultural Society, Washtenaw County's Secular Humanistic Jewish community, will be observing Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur at their home in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and Tashlich at Island Park. For more information and times of these observances, call (734) 975-9872 or go to www.jewishculturalsociety.org. ■

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Apply for Federation 9th grade Student Exchange Israel trip

Ayelet Shapiro, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is accepting applications for the 2018 Ann Arbor/Nahalal Student Exchange trip to Israel taking place December 27, 2017–January 7, 2018.

Now in its eleventh year, the Student Exchange offers 9th grade students the opportunity to spend part of their December break in Israel at Ann Arbor's partnership community Moshav Nahalal. Participants are hosted in the homes of their peers. They spend the week with their hosts attending school, touring the Central Galilee, visiting Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and creating lasting and meaningful relationships with their new friends. "This trip was the best experience of my life. I spent only 8 days with our Nahalali's but by the end of the trip, I felt like I had made lifelong friends," commented Yakirah Mitchell, Student Exchange cohort of 2017.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor-Nahalal Student Exchange April 2017 Trip participantstaking a break from hiking

The Ann Arbor teens will have the opportunity to reciprocate by hosting their Israeli peers during Sukkot in late September 2018.

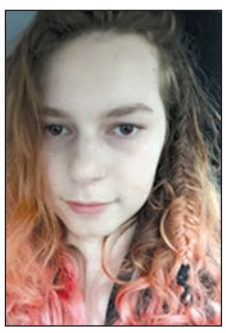
The Ann Arbor/ Moshav Nahalal relationship is an integral part of the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership2Gether project. The two communities have a developed a deep connection based on mutual values and shared interests, such as environmental and ecological conservation, social justice, and diverse and creative religious expression.

For more information, contact Ayelet Shapiro at ayelet@jewishannarbor.org or (734) 677-0100 ext 220. ■

Aiva Zoldan's winning photo on display in Tel Aviv

Cindy Saper, special to the WJN

Aiva Zoldan photograph, The Art of Religion, was selected as a winning entry in The Jewish Lens @ Beit Hatfutsot Photo Competition. Zoldan's photograph, along with other winning entries from nine different countries, is currently featured in a special exhibition at Beit Hatfutsot – The Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. The exhibition opened in August and will be on display until January 2018.



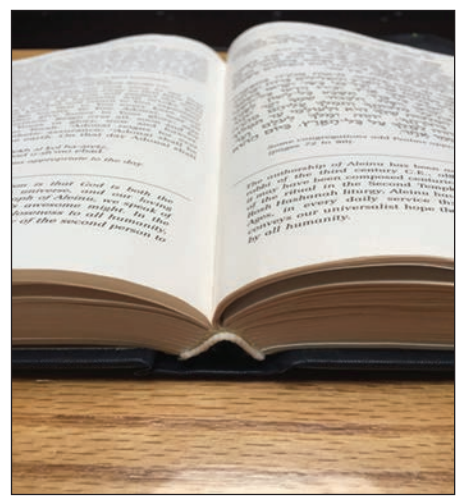
Aiva Zoldan

Aiva is the daughter of Andre and Yael Zoldan. Zoldan created her piece as part of her studies as an eighth grader at Beth Israel Religious School. Teacher Alana Goldstein, also a graduate student in the Jewish Communal Leadership Program at University of Michigan, led students in discussions and activities on themes of Jewish values and community using Jewish texts and photographs. For the contest, students chose a favorite photo they had taken, and reflected on the photo by writing a title and caption. At their graduation ceremony, these photos were displayed anonymously and everyone in attendance voted for their favorite three photos to compete in the international photo competition.

The Jewish Lens curriculum (www.jewishlens.org) and the contest on the theme "My Connection to the Jewish People" were developed in partnership with renowned photographer Zion Ozeri. The other winners of the local competition are Maoz Bareket, son of Nika and Zevi Bareket; and Max Perry, son of Julie and Ron Perry.

A description of the photo "The Art of Religion" by Aiva Zoldan

Albert Einstein once said, "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." I believe in science but I also believe in God and my religion. This siddur is an image of my feelings. It is neither lame nor blind. It is more. It is my spirit, my belief. It is special to me. When I was very young, before I could read, before I could understand the text in this siddur, I would flip through the pages pretending to follow along. My little sister does the same. This taught me that life is not about knowing, it is about growing. I started out flipping through the siddur, now I read



it as I pray. I have grown. But I wouldn't have if I hadn't started out like I did, not knowing but trying. I have grown. I have grown in my understanding of science as well. I know that science and religion are intertwined. Just as this siddur is intertwined with my life. ■

Youth

PJ Library connects more and more Jewish families with Jewish life

Jessica Gillespie, special to the WJN

The D. Dan and Betty Kahn foundation awarded a grant jointly to the both the metropolitan Detroit and Ann Arbor communities to participate in the Grinspoon Foundation's flagship program, PJ Library®, which provides free books to families raising Jewish children all over the world. The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor hosts this area's PJ Library® program, as well as PJ Our Way® for older elementary school aged children, and has used these and other funds to register families and provide professional engagement support via PJ Library coordinator, Jessica Gillespie, who also works as the Ann Arbor JCC's Family Programs Coordinator. Under Gillespie's stewardship, PJ Library® registration has grown by over 100% in the past year. This leap in subscribers demonstrates that Ann Arbor Jewish families are seeking tools to help them engage their children in Jewish life. PJ Library® recognizes this need nationally, and continues to expand offerings "beyond the envelope," and families, in turn, are embracing these new opportunities.

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor was selected as one of only 33 communities nationally to participate this past summer in the second stage of the PJ Get Together pilot grant program, which provides PJ Library® families with funding to organize and implement their own Jewish themed "get togethers." PJ Library approved and funded 28 proposals from families in the Ann Arbor area. Out of the 33 communities nationwide, the Ann Arbor area had the 13th highest number of families approved and the highest percentage of families reached overall at 13.9 percent.

Seeing the success of the PJ Get Together grants, Peretz Hirshbein, director of Child and Family Services, and Gillespie wanted families to be able to continue engaging in Jewish life and participating in Jewish experiences with their friends and neighbors in the comfort of their own homes on an ongoing basis. Hirshbein and Gillespie applied and received a Harold Grinspoon Foundation Engagement Grant of $8,000 to launch Shabbat @ Home, a program which will help families both create Shabbat experiences for their children as well as host others to participate. David Stone, executive director, said, "The Ann Arbor JCC is honored to receive this grant and thrilled to be part of the global PJ Library family of communities reaching more than 125,000 families." Grinspoon engagement grants are designed to build social connections among families and engage them in Jewish life, programming, or learning. The 12 winning proposals ranged from ongoing neighborhood meet-ups to Shabbat-themed workshops and dinners and were chosen through a competitive process open to organizations implementing PJ Library® across North America.

The success of PJ Library® is significant in its impact on participants. A survey of 800 families who participated in last year's grant-funded projects showed huge engagement: 85 percent of families connected socially during the programs; 64 percent of families followed up with the social connections afterward; 76 percent of families sought out or attended other Jewish programs; 99 percent would recommend the programs to friends. "PJ Library's impact goes well beyond the more than 170,000 books we send out each month across the United States and Canada," said Judi Wisch, director of community engagement for PJ Library.® "We have worked closely with our local partners for years to help advance Jewish family engagement, and now we are able to add financial support to help ensure the success of great initiatives." Part of a five-year strategy to expand Jewish engagement in North America, these grants are funded through the PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance are the Azrieli Foundation; Carl and Joann Bianco; William Davidson Foundation; Jim Joseph Foundation; William and Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; Diane and Guilford Glazer/ Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles; the Marcus Foundation, Inc.; Howard and Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation; Susser Family Trust; Walter, Arnee, Sarah, and Aaron Winshall; and two anonymous partners.

The results from PJ Library's 2016 Triennial Family Study included several key takeaways. "This evaluation sought to understand who PJ Library Families are: different types of families have welcomed PJ Library into their homes and that it plays an important and meaningful role in their Jewish lives" (note from the Executive Summary From Jewish Books to Jewish Life: Results from the PJ Library's 2016 Triennial Family Study). One PJ Library subscriber stated, "PJ Library brings Judaism into our house in an active way and gives us an opportunity to connect to a culture that we lost connection with." Locally, 85 percent of PJ Library families in the Ann Arbor area say that PJ Library has made them more interested in Jewish traditions, values, and/or customs and 87 percent say it has been a valuable parenting tool. In addition, 94 percent of local participating families say that PJ Library has supported them in building upon or adding a Jewish tradition to their home life. 98% feel supported in regards to their conversations about Jewish traditions, values, and/or customs.

Gillespie says that, "we are always looking to welcome new families and youth into the PJ Library/PJ Our Way community and I am happy to help make that happen. It is a simple thing to sign up but families don't realize what a really meaningful and enriching experience they will have." For more information or to register contact Jessica Gillespie, PJ Library coordinator for the Greater Ann Arbor area at jessicagillespie@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

Susan Horowitz named assistant JCC Early Childhood director

Clara Silver, Special to the WJN

Susan Horowitz, a long-time early childhood educator at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, has been named the assistant director of the J's Early

Susan Horowitz

Childhood Center (ECC) as of September 1. Horowitz has already been fulfilling the functions of the assistant director over the summer, and has been a teacher at the ECC since 2006, serving the past four years as the head teacher for the ECC's Infant and Toddler program. Horowitz earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Nova Southeastern University and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. According to Horowitz, "This position will be so valuable to both me and the center. I'm excited to have the opportunity to spend more time developing teachers, working with families, and overall, improving the excellence of our program."

Horowitz recently completed the Jewish Community Center Association of North America's (JCCA) first Sheva-Covenant Directors Institute alongside 18 other rising Jewish early childhood education leaders. As part of her Directors Institute experience, Horowitz earned the national director's credential, Aim4Excellence. The Directors Institute is a three-year long program aims to develop high quality leadership in the field of early childhood education to ensure excellence in programming in the field and address anticipated leadership shortages.

According to ECC Director Peretz Hirshbein, "Susan is such a passionate advocate for excellence in Jewish early childhood education, and there is nothing that she loves more than helping others to nurture that same passion in themselves. I am looking forward to working even more closely with her to support our families and teachers as we strive to make every moment meaningful for the children in our program."

The Early Childhood Center at the JCC has been providing high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over 25 years. Its mission is to provide a safe, warm, child-centered Jewish learning community where children and adults explore ideas, develop skills, and gain knowledge together. For more information about the ECC, contact Peretz Hirshbein at peretzhirshbein@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

EMU Professor Jeff Bernstein

Lisa Carolin, staff writer

Jeff Bernstein, who teaches a variety of political science courses as well as a master's level statistics course at Eastern Michigan University, has become known along with faculty member Marty Shichtman as the creators of EMU's Jewish Studies Program, which they started five years ago. "So many people at EMU did not have much awareness of Jewish people or culture," said Bernstein. "There's a lot of education to be done."

He describes the Jewish Studies Program as a small program offering a small number of classes. However, it is a powerful program that incorporates speakers and travel courses as educational tools.

Bernstein, 47, teaches the course Becoming Jewish in America in which he takes students to New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. to visit places that tell the story of the Jewish experience in America. Last year, he taught a class of 12 adults and said it was a transformative experience.

"We visited the Eldridge Street Synagogue in Lower Manhattan, which is magnificent and was built by immigrant Jews," he said. "For many of the students, it was the first time they'd ever seen a synagogue."

Bernstein says that the majority of students who take the Jewish studies classes are not Jewish.

"Our goal is to be a community Jewish Studies Program and to bring interesting speakers in and share it with the community as far away as Ann Arbor and Detroit," he said.

As far as teaching about the Holocaust, Bernstein said, "One thing I've thought about in the upbringing of my kids, is that the Holocaust is important but that we need a more compelling reason to be Jewish than the hatred the Jews have received. We try to bring a diversity of Jewish experiences, messages and activities to the program."

Jeff Bernstein

Bernstein grew up in Brooklyn then Long Island where he attended a Conservative synagogue. He was involved in Hillel as an undergraduate student at Washington University in St. Louis, and then moved to Ann Arbor for graduate school at the University of Michigan.

When he started to run out of funding, he worked part time at EMU, which turned into a full time job as a faculty professor of political science. He is now in his 20th year.

"EMU is a university of opportunity," said Bernstein. "It attracts nontraditional students, many first generation college students. The faculty can work closely with students and is rewarded and valued for doing that. It's enabled me to have the kind of career I wanted."

He has been directing the master's program, but stopped doing so in August. He looks forward to being able to teach more because he enjoys his time in the classroom.

Bernstein and his wife Lisa, a teacher, live in Ann Arbor. Their son Zachary, 17, is a senior at Pioneer High School, and their son Solly, 12, is a student at Tappan Middle School.

"I go to Beth Israel Congregation and was president for two years earlier in the decade," said Bernstein. "It's a critical part of who I am."

As far as living in Ann Arbor goes, he feels fortunate.

"I like living in a progressive community," said Bernstein. "People talk about living in a liberal bubble. It's dangerous politically because it makes us lazy and our political judgments biased. But I'm grateful to live in such a tolerant, open-minded place."

Although he's lived in Ann Arbor for 26 years, Bernstein has not lost his love for New York, especially the New York Mets, whom he still follows. His biggest gripe about living in Ann Arbor is, "I wish you could get a good bagel here."

On the subject of his work, Bernstein is proud of what he is doing at EMU, especially being part of the Jewish Studies Program.

"We've done some good things to create a Jewish presence," he said. "I think we've been very successful." ■

Patty Benson, volunteer extrordinaire

Lisa Carolin, staff writer

Patty Benson's strong commitment to volunteering is an important part of who she is. At 62, she has stepped away from her career as an occupational therapist and devotes much of her time to volunteer work for Jewish Family Services in Ann Arbor.

Patty Benson

Her first volunteer job at JFS was in the Partners in Care Concierge (PICC) program, in which she accompanies older adults to medical appointments.

"It is an opportunity to assist in making sure that client concerns are expressed and their questions answered while providing emotional support and companionship," said Benson.

She was invited to join the JFS board, which she did from 2012–2016.

"I got to know people in the agency better and highly respect the staff and their hard work and dedication," she said.

During that time, Benson began volunteering as a citizenship tutor working with individuals seeking citizenship.

"People have different circumstances, and I get to see the work it takes to become a citizen, especially when English isn't your first language," said Benson. "It continues to be a pleasure to learn their history and observe their resilience."

She works with young adults up to seniors from countries including Yemen, Togo, Iran, China, Russia and Mexico.

Recently, Benson has gotten more involved in the Resettlement program, where she is the volunteer coordinator of donations.

"Trump's executive order has affected a number of refugee families arriving and being resettled," she said. "There are whole families whose travel was cancelled. The agency was prepared to resettle 300 individual refugees this year, but that was before the executive order."

"One of our tasks is to spread factual information about refugees," said Benson. "The vetting process is very extensive. It's been a real frustration that misleading information has been spread to the public. Many refugees have given up their homes and possessions to be able to travel. It's heartbreaking."

One of Benson's duties is to coordinate community and congregational drives for supplies, and she praises the community for its response.

Benson is one of Temple Beth Emeth's representatives for JFS's Welcome Wagon program, which is a key part of helping refugees being resettled. There are numerous opportunities for volunteers in the program including a need for professional mentors, interpreters, house warmers, office workers, business mentors, cultural orientation instructors, food pantry assistants, job coaches, and school ambassadors.

"We've had hundreds of volunteers go through orientation," said Benson. "It's a real interfaith effort. It's inspiring to meet so many generous people."

Benson was born and raised in Ann Arbor and attended Eberwhite and Dicken elementary schools, Slauson Middle School, and Pioneer High School. She spent a year at Michigan State University, then attended and graduated from Eastern Michigan University when she decided to become an occupational therapist. She spent many years working at Chelsea Hospital.

Benson is married to Brian Chodoroff, a physiatrist. They have 24-year-old twin daughters, Clare, who is starting a physician's assistant program, and Laura, who has an early elementary teaching degree and works as a substitute teacher.

Benson also spends a lot of time with her mom, who is 96, and lives in Dexter.

As far as religion goes, she said, "I was raised in the Lutheran Church. When Brian and I married in 1987, we became members of Temple Beth Emeth, and our daughters grew up there and had a wonderful experience. We are honored to be members of such a vibrant congregation."

When it comes to volunteering, Benson said, "I'm reminded of how much I take for granted. I am humbled to work side by side with the volunteers and clients. They inspire me with their resilience and incredible spirit." ■

A conversation with Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Maestro Arie Lipsky

Sandor and Emily Slomovits, staff writers

I've been writing a monthly column on Jewish music and musicians for WJN since 2004. I've had the great good fortune to be able to enjoy an enormous range of music, and to talk with many of the fabulous musicians who have played the concerts I've attended, and made the recordings to which I've listened. I'm not ready to hang up my Mac computer yet, but I am delighted to bring my daughter, Emily into another aspect of my family business.

Emily has been joining me on stage, playing music with me and with my brother, Laz for about 15 years now. She has grown into a remarkable singer and violinist—I know, I know, proud papa talking—but there's plenty of independent corroborating evidence supporting my claim. Since graduating from college, Emily has begun doing some of the same kind of freelance writing for local publications that I've been doing for many years. While she has chosen to follow in my footsteps in music and now in writing, she is also following, creating, her own path. So this column will change. I want to thank you for indulging me all these years, and ask you to welcome Emily to the pages of the *Washtenaw Jewish News*.

Finally, allow me *kvell* for a bit. Besides being a musician and a writer, Emily has also developed a love for all aspects of theatre. Because of her, our family has seen as many plays and musicals as concerts in the last few years. She has also been writing and playing music, and acting, in a number of local theatre productions. She will be in a couple of upcoming productions of the Spinning Dot Theatre Company, a children's theatre company specializing in the works of international playwrights. For more information about these two shows, *The Ogreling* and *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*, please visit SpiningDot.org.

Hello, *WJN* readers! Emily here. From now on, I will be continuing my dad's coverage of music events and musicians in the area, but I'll be bringing my own interests into the column as well. In addition to the music writing, my articles will also focus more often on theatre. I'll preview and review local and visiting theatre performances, and profile local, national and even international theatre artists. In the interest of full disclosure, I should tell you that since I am a full-time musician and actor. I may occasionally write about shows in which I am involved. However, I will not toot my own horn and will do my best to be impartial. It is also my intention never to be a harsh critic of anyone in these articles; if you're looking for very critical writing, you won't find it here.

OK, now that I'm done with my spiel, I'd like to begin with a conversation with someone I feel honored to know, Arie Lipsky, the music director of the Ann Arbor Symphony.

Arie Lipsky

WJN: First of all, please accept our condolences on the loss of your father, Haim, in July. For those of our readers who may not have been familiar with his story, would you recap a little bit of his life-long relationship with music, and how he influenced and inspired you, musically and otherwise?

Lipsky: Thank you Emily! My dad was a real hero in my family's life. His life was defined by surviving the Holocaust—4 years of hell in some of the most notorious concentration camps in Poland. He endured this ordeal due to his immense positive outlook on life, a healthy sense of humor and of course playing the violin. As a result, music in our family was more than an art form—it meant life, existence and a bright future.

WJN: You have quite a diverse and interesting program for this 2017/18 season; which are the concerts you are particularly excited about?

Lipsky: It's like asking me which of my children I like the most…each of the concerts poses a special challenge, has its own emphasis and musical highlights. I tried to create a season of concerts that complement each other to create a very wholesome musical experience for the audience and to the musicians. We are so fortunate to have such a great orchestra in Ann Arbor, an orchestra that is at home in the core classical repertoire as well as in popular music, an orchestra which is compared regularly to the best international orchestras which Ann Arbor is so lucky to host. Highlights of the season include the beautiful and evocative Verdi Requiem, the rarely heard poignant Sym #15 by Shostakovich and of course the music from Star Wars…

WJN: Did you choose material based on soloists you wanted to bring in, or did you choose the material first and then the soloists?

Lipsky: Usually, I plan the season including the solo pieces and concerti. Then, I envision the artist who will play them best. There are soloists who specialize in classical repertoire like Mozart and Beethoven. Others concentrate on Romantic concerti like Tchaikovsky and Brahms. It is a fascinating process.

WJN: I'm a big musical theatre fan, my dad is a big opera fan; your opening night gala on September 16 has something for both of us to look forward to. What was the impetus behind "Broadway, Bernstein, Bravissimo!"? What special gifts do Jacqueline Echols and Lucas Meachem have that will make them uniquely suited to the material?

Lipsky: Jacqueline Echols and Lucas Meachem bring a unique vocal versatility to our stage. Both feel at home singing opera repertoire as well as musical theatre standards. I'm sure that our audience will be mesmerized as both singers switch from Rossini, Mozart and Verdi to Gershwin and Cole Porter. What fun!

WJN: The Ann Arbor Symphony does a lot with outreach in the community, from special children's instrument petting zoos to afternoon chamber music concerts at the Jewish Community Center. Can you talk about what it means to you to educate, and to share your love of music outside the concert hall?

Lipsky: One of the missions of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra is to nurture the love of music in community members of all ages through excellent performances. We are committed to, and proud of this vision—whether playing to the toddlers in kinderconcerts, family concerts, youth concerts, side by side concerts, ensemble and maestro visits in schools, senior centers concerts and of course our main stage concerts.

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Austin, making him a fourth generation Longhorn. He embarked on a college course load designed to prepare him to study both medicine and law. In fact, he identifies his greatest obstacle as managing his own high expectations of himself.

Followed by three sisters, Rabbi Alter is the oldest in his family. At the time he started elementary school, the public high school was unsafe, and the best alternative was the local Catholic high school. However, to qualify, a student had to matriculate from one of two feeder schools, the Catholic K–8, or the Episcopalian K–8. Rabbi Alter attended the latter and remains impressed with the kindness and openness with which the students of diverse faiths were welcomed by the priest and the rest of the staff. As it turned out, the public high school made a strong comeback, and that was where he completed his primary education. However, he credits his experience at the Episcopalian school with helping him develop a strong Jewish identity, as well as a nuanced understanding of the differences and similarities between the faiths.

The Genesis partnership with St. Clare's is one of the aspects that attracted Rabbi Alter to Temple Beth Emeth. He is interested in interfaith work and in furthering connections and cooperation between the two institutions. One of his passions is narrative, and he is enthusiastic about a curriculum called "Torah Godly Play" which uses audiovisual, immersive, kinesthetic storytelling techniques to put the listener in the story and make it relevant to his or her own life. He discovered it when participating in chaplaincy training at a children's hospital in Dallas.

Rabbi Alter, having spent his life in Texas, Los Angeles, and Israel, has not experienced living in a midwestern winter. TBE hope he will be cheered through winter's short dark days, and cold temperatures, by the warmth of the congregation and the greater community. ■

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Friday 1

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Backyard Shabbat: BIC. 5:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 2

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 3

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Monday 4

Tuesday 5

***Yidish tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster's Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome for conversation in mame-loshn, which translates to "mother tongue." For information, email egertel@umich.edu or phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 6

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 7

Studies in Jonah: TBE Adult Ed. Led by Richard Greene. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2 p.m.

Studies in Jonah: TBE Adult Ed. Led by Richard Greene. 7–8 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 8

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service–Welcome Back/New Member Shabbat from 7:30–9 p.m.

"First" Friday Shabbat: JCS. (Held this month on the second Friday.) Includes secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrzeit observance to remember loved ones. After the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local restaurant, followed by schmoozing. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, contact info@jewishculturalsociety.org. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 9

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Rabbi Daniel Alter–Meet & Greet: TBE. 9:30–10:15 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

Rabbi Daniel Alter–Meet & Greet: TBE. 10:55–11:40 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Mini-Minyan: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

SAC Community Conversation: TBE. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Food Gatherers Volunteer Opportunity: TBE. Volunteer at Food Gatherers Community Kitchen. Offsite. Noon–5 p.m.

Annual Picnic: TBE R&R. Offsite. 5–9 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 10

Brunch and Art Museum Tour: Hadassah Ann Arbor. Join Hadassah for brunch at Sava Restaurant, 216 South State Street, followed by tour of University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street, with Shelley Perlove, Ph.D. Registration required. To register, contact Maxine Solvay at solvaym@att.net or by phone at (734) 668-1901. Brunch at 10 a.m., Tour from 12:15–1:15 p.m.

A Toast to the New Year: BIC. With Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. 10 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

High Holy Days "How To" with WTBE: TBE. 5:30–7 p.m.

Monday 11

Russ Collins Film Discussion Group: JCC. Lively monthly discussion of movie plots, characters and the unique cinematic elements that send subtle messages to viewers, hosted each month by Russ Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Films selected include popular blockbusters, independent films, thought-provoking dramas, intense thrillers, and more. Refreshments provided. Space is limited. Register by phone at (734) 971-0990 or online at www.jccannarbor.org. 7–8:30 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Mizmoret Rehearsal: TBE. 8–9:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12

***Yidish tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group).** *See first Tuesday of month.*

Flu Shot Clinic: JCC. Annual Flu Shot Clinic, provided by CVS. Vaccines offered on first come first serve basis. Contact Rachael by phone at 734-971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. RSVP to ensure CVS has an accurate estimate of how many participants to serve. Bring insurance card. Contact your insurance provider with any questions about coverage. 1–6 p.m.

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Brotherhood Board Meeting: TBE. 7:15–8:45 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 13

Lunch and Learn–High Holiday Edition: BIC. Noon.

Mega Challah: Chabad and Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. Also co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Ann Arbor and Akervall Technologies. Held in the JCC gym. Register online at www.a2megachallah.com. $18 donation in advance, $25 at the door, if still available. 6:30 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 14

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

New HHD Prayer Book Session: TBE. 7–8 p.m.

Mizmoret Rehearsal: TBE. 8–9:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Tuesday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 15

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 16

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

6th Grade Shabbat Morning with the Rabbis: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

Selichot Service: TBE. 8–11 p.m.

Selichot Havdallah, Reception, Program, and Service: BIC. Will include Memorial Plaque dedication. 9 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 17

Selichot Service: Chabad. 1:30 a.m. (Yes, a.m.) Featuring Cantor Rabbi Polter from Royal Oak leading the service. 1:30 a.m.

Family Journey Event: BIC. 6th Grade parent's session on "Navigating Adolescence," with Beth Pearson, Ph.D. 9:30 a.m.

Gan Katan: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Washtenong Memorial Park Open House: TBE. Offsite. 10–11 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Apples & Honey and Lots, Lots More: JCC. The J's annual community event celebrating the fall Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Generously supported by anonymous donors and open to entire community. For information, visit jccannarbor.org. 2–5 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 18

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 19

***Yidish tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group).** *See first Tuesday of month.*

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 20

Mahj: TBE. Offsite 1–3 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Observance: JCS. Rosh Hashanah marks a turning point in the year and a separation between what was and what will be. Rosh Hashanah offers Secular Humanistic Jews a time for renewal, reflection, and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar brings the community together to begin this time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance. Held at the JCC. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@ jewishculturalsociety.org. 7 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. 7–9 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Afernoon/Evening Services at 7:15 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Maariv Services at 8 p.m., followed by dessert reception from 9:15–10:30 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: TBE. 8–10:30 p.m.

Thursday 21

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Services at 8 a.m. Children's Programs K-5 and 6th–8th Grade at 10 a.m. Teen Lunch and Discussion at Noon. Mincha followed by Tashlich at 5:15 p.m. Maariv at 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: TBE. Family Service, offsite from 9–10:30 a.m. Traditional

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Rosh Hashanah Services: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. First day services from 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad: Morning services at 9:45 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar, followed by festive meal, at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Services and Tashlich Riverside Services at 4 p.m.

Tashlich: JCS. The JCS community gathers on the banks of the Huron River at Island Park for coffee and pastries and a chance to "cast off" or let go of our shortcomings of the past year. As participants promise to strive to become better people, they toss beautiful flower petals into the river, a "concrete expression" of hope for the future. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@ jewishculturalsociety.org. 10 a.m.–noon.

Friday 22

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Services at 8 a.m. Chldren's Programs K-5 at 10 a.m. Mincha and Maariv at 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tashlich and Kabbalat Shabbat: AARC. Gather at the JCC and walk to Malletts Creek. 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Achat Dinner: TBE. 6–6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service–Shabbat Achat: TBE. 6:30–8 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 23

Caring Community Event: TBE. 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 24

Rosh Hashanah Morning Services: Chabad. 8:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday to the World: BIC. At Gallup Park. 10 a.m.

Kever Avot: BIC and TBE. Offsite at Arborcrest Memorial Park. Noon.

Opening Tea–Desserts of South Africa: ORT Ann Arbor. Members and prospective members welcome. Guest Speaker Annie Rose, Cantor Emerita of Temple Beth Emeth, will present "Music: Healing Our Hearts, Soothing Our Souls." At the home of Linda Greene. Rides available, if needed. RSVP to Joan Levitt at jflevitt@gmail.com by September 15. 2–4 p.m.

Monday 25

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 26

***Yidish tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group).** *See first Tuesday of month.*

TheraPaws Visit: JCC. Bi-monthly visit of dogs from TheraPaws to reduce stress and bring joy. TheraPaws offers canine-assisted therapy dogs to schools, hospitals, and other sites throughout Washtenaw County. For more information or to RSVP, call (734) 971-0990 or visit www.jccannaarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

Wednesday 27

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 28

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Guys Night Out: TBE Brotherhood. Offsite. 6–7:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry Coordinating Committee: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Tuesday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday 29

Kol Nidre: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Gathering and candle lighting at 6:45 p.m. Service begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Kol Nidre: BIC. Kol Nidre at 6:50 p.m. 9th-12th Grade Service at 6:50 p.m. Opportunity for meditation follows ten minutes after conclusion of Kol Nidre, at CSAC, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue.

Kol Nidre: JCS. Kol Nidre provides further opportunities for individual refection and an opportunity to listen to the haunting melody of Kol Nidre. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@ jewishculturalsociety.org. 7 p.m.

Yom Kippur Evening Services: Chabad. 7 p.m.

AARTY Yom Kippur Pre-Service Reception: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

AARTY Kol Nidre Service: TBE. 8–9 p.m.

Kol Nidre Service: TBE. 8–10 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 30

Yom Kippur Services: BIC. Shaharit Services at 8 a.m. Children's Programs for K-5 and 6th–8th Grade at 10 a.m. Yizkor memorial service at approximately 10 a.m. Study session at 4:15 p.m. Mincha service at 5 p.m. Neilah (closing) service at 6:30 p.m. Break-the-Fast with light refreshments at 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: TBE. Family Services, offsite from 9–10:30 a.m. Traditional Service, offsite from 10:45 a.m.–1 p.m. AARTY Yom Kippur Activities at TBE from 2–7 p.m. Afternoon Service at TBE from 3:30–5:30 p.m. Yizkor/Neilah Service at TBE from 5:30–7 p.m. Break the Fast at TBE from 7–8 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Services at 12:30 p.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 5 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Morning and Torah Service from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Children's Service from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Afternoon workshops from 2–5 p.m. Yizkor, a non-traditional service offering mourners the opportunity to share some words about person they lost in five minutes or less, in time slots from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Neilah, Shofer and Havdalah from 6:45–7:45 p.m. Break-the-fast (RSVP to assure there is sufficient food) at 7:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur: JCS. Yom Kippur brings the 10 days of the Jewish New Year to a close. While examining the world, and considering the Jewish tradition of *Tikkun Olam*, participants look inside themselves to see how they can make a difference. This event is intimate and members of the community take turns reading. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@ jewishculturalsociety.org. Held at the JCC. 2 p.m.

Break-the-Fast Potluck: JCS. To close the high holidays, JCS members and friends gather for a community potluck at the end of Yom Kippur. Open to all. Held at the JCC. Bring a vegetarian and nut-free dish to share, whether or not one has been fasting. 6 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candlelighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call (734) 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call (734) 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call (734) 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call (734) 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at (734) 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

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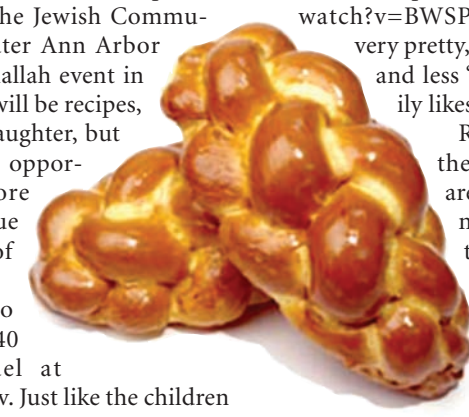
September 22	7:11 p.m.
September 29	6:59 PM

I make the best challah in the world

Lonnie Sussman, staff writer

Of course, everyone I know who makes challah says the same thing. While there are many recipes for making challah they all include the basics: yeast, sugar, flour, salt, egg, water, and oil. Many people make challah without using one or more of these ingredients. Maybe they use honey or another sweetener. Maybe they use spelt flour, wholewheat flour or a combination of flours. But these are the basic ingredients.

On Wednesday, September 13, over 100 women from the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area will gather at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor for the first Mega challah event in this area. Sure there will be recipes, entertainment and laughter, but there will also be an opportunity to learn more deeply about the true reason or mitzvah of making challah.



I learned how to make challah over 40 years ago in Israel at Kibbutz Gesher Haziv. Just like the children at the JCC Early Childhood Center do, the children in the pre-schools there made challah for their families every Friday. The dough was very sweet and also doubled as coffee cake for *aruchat arbah* (afternoon tea).

This recipe has gone all around the world— literally. My friend Sue's daughter lived in Singapore for some years. She made it there and also taught the Phillipina woman who helped out how to make it. My brother and sister-in-law lived in India for a year and their Bengali helper also learned to make challah. Every bride I know has a copy of the recipe, as do friends all over this country.

In the 1980s and 1990s I made 44 loaves every Friday for Habonim Camp Tavor. The campers came in to the kitchen to help. They learned how to make challah and how to braid it. Now, I often have the joy of making challah with grandchildren. The tradition lives on.

If you want to learn the secret of fancy braiding check out YouTube videos (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWSPfToKiYA) Most look very pretty, but there is more crust and less "inside" than our family likes.

Rosh Hashanah and the other High Holidays are right around the corner. There is a tradition to make the challahs round rather than braided. There are a number of explanations for this. I love the idea of the circle representing the continuation of life, time, and the cycles of the year.

For round challahs I use six "snakes" of dough, three horizontal and three vertical. Then, I weave the six strands. Finally, I take the ends and wind them around circularly. If this sounds confusing, look again on YouTube. There are probably many methods to achieve a circle.

Shana Tova to everyone. Here's to a sweet, joyful and healthy new year. ■

Gesher Haziv challah, adapted to Michigan

(makes 2 large loaves)

About 15 minutes to prepare and about 45 minutes to let the dough rise. Bake in pre-heated oven at 350° for about 30–40 minutes.

2 packages of Fleishman's yeast (I like the quick rise)
¼ cup warm water and 2 tsps sugar to proof the yeast.
½ cup sugar
1 Tbs. salt
½ cup oil (Canola or other non-flavored oil)
2 cups warm water
2 eggs
7–8 cups of bread flour

"Proof" the yeast by putting the yeast, sugar and warm water in small bowl to dissolve. Stir to dissolve and let rise about 5–10 minutes.

Use a larger bowl for the salt, sugar, oil and 2 cups of warm water. Mix them together. Add the eggs. I like to reserve about a teaspoon of the yolk to mix with a bit of water to glaze the loaves before they go into the oven.

Add the proofed (it poofs) yeast mixture into the big bowl and mix. Start adding the bread flour a few cups at a time and mix until the dough is not sticky. Knead for 5 minutes. Cover the dough with a clean dishtowel and let rise for about 45 minutes.

Braid: My method is to punch the dough down one last time and divide it into 6 balls. Start with 3 and roll them out with your hands until they are each about 10–12 inches long. Place the ropes close to each other vertically. Start in the middle of and braid down then return to the middle and braid up. This helps the loaves stay even in width all the way. Do the same with the next 3 balls. Place the 2 loaves on a baking tray and brush with the egg/water mixture.

Gesher Haziv coffee cake

(makes 2 large cakes)

Use the same recipe or double the oil and sugar for a sweeter and richer cake. Instead of braids, roll the dough by hand into two long ropes. Flatten them a little until they are about 6–8 inches wide. Fill with raisins and cinnamon or chocolate chips. Fold over and pinch the edges closed to seal in the fillings. The rolls often become "C" shaped. Brush with the egg/water mixture and bake. No need to wait until 4 p.m. to enjoy!

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Debra and Lev Linker on the birth of their granddaughter Loni Rita on Saturday, March 25, to parents Evan and Rita.
Jonah Botkin on his bar mitzvah, September 2.
Halle Rochman on her bat mitzvah, September 9.
Ilana and Ari Gafni on the birth of their grandson, Eitan Caleb Ehrlich, son of Orna and Josh Ehrlich.
Shira and Steve Klein on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Alexis, daughter of Ariella and Ian Monson.
Errol and Pat Soskolne on the birth of their, grandson, Lincoln Jack, son of Mark and Julie Soskolne.

Condolences

Liz Kirshner on the death of her father, Seymour Bodner, May 29.
Sally Brieloff on the death of her father, Robert Graham, May 30.
Steven Leber on the death of his mother, Pauline Leber, July 16.
Shoshana Mandel-Warner on the death of her uncle, Paul Fox, July 18.
Janice Alexander on the death of her mother, Sylvia Pomerantz. July 18.
Barry Nemon on the death of his father, John Nemon, August 1.
Karla Goldman on the death of her father, Marshall Goldman, August 2.
Sarah Steingold on the death of her husband, Fred Steingold, August 8.
The family of Jean Fine on her death, August 11.
Douglas Forman on the death of his mother, Marcia Forman, August 13.

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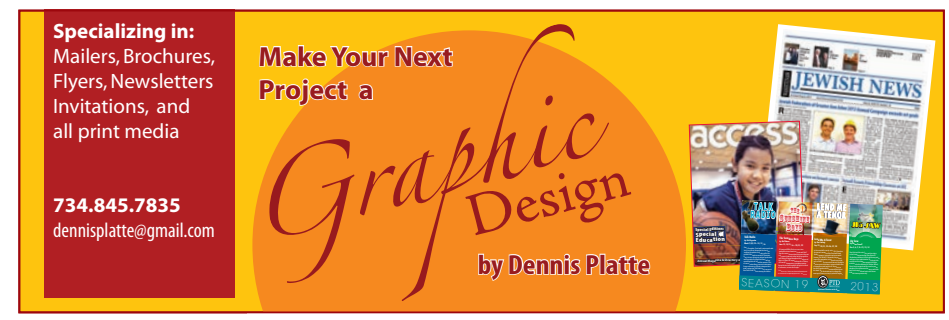

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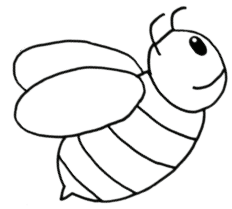

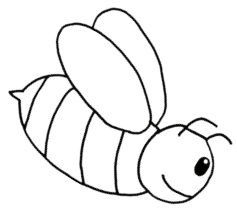

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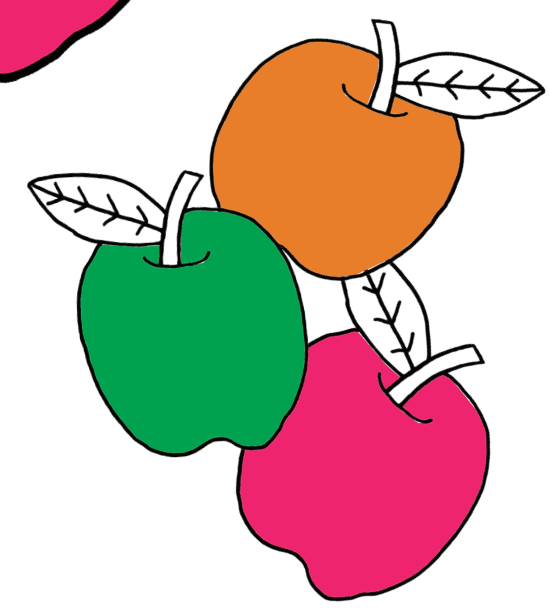

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